

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48798-2025
Decided on: 26.11.2025

Gurpreet Singh and another

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Petitioners

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Ajaypal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.237 dated 10.08.2025, under Sections 117(2), 118, 140(3), 3(5) of BNS (Section 118(2) of BNS added later on) at PS Civil Lines, Batala, District Gurdaspur.
2. On 02.09.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
(i) Gurpreet Singh, aged about 36 years and (ii) Mandeep Singh, aged about 32 years	237	10.08.2028	117(2), 118, 140(3), 3(5) of BNS (Section 118(2) of BNS added later on)	Civil Lines, Batala	Gurdaspur



(ii) *Learned counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that petitioner No. 1 is an ex-serviceman, while petitioner No. 2 is presently serving in the Army. Incident in the present case occurred on 06.08.2025, whereas FIR was registered on 10.08.2025, i.e. after delay of four days. Names of the petitioners have been mentioned in the FIR with the allegation of causing simple injuries to the injured, Gurmail Singh.*

(iii) *It is further submitted that grievous injury, falling under Section 118(2) of the BNS, has been attributed to co-accused Darshan Singh, who has already been arrested by the police and was subsequently granted bail by the Court below, vide its order dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-4). Moreover, petitioners are ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in the present case.*

(iv) *Notice of motion.*

(v) *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

(vi) *Adjourned to 26.11.2025.*

(vii) *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

(viii) *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court. ”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners contends that in compliance to the order dated 02.09.2025 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation on 06.09.2025. He further submits that petitioner No. 1 – Gurpreet Singh has submitted his affidavit that he does not possess any passport and petitioner No. 2 Mandeep Singh has already handed over his passport to the investigating agency.

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4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioners of joining the investigation on 06.09.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 02.09.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

The petitioners shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

26.11.2025

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**