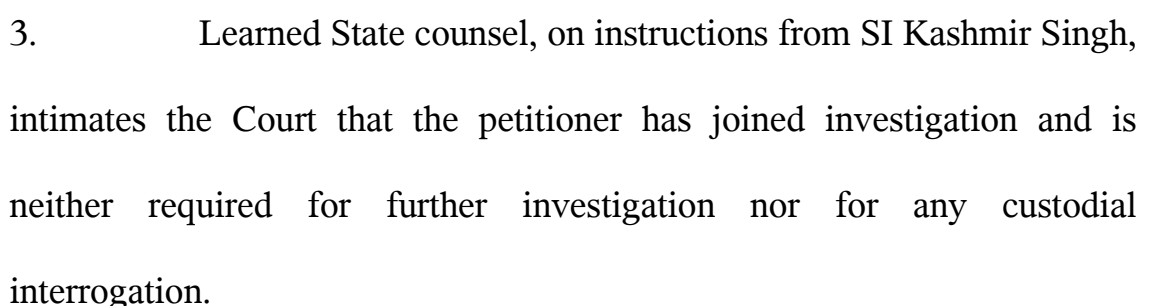






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4. During the course of hearing on 03.02.2025, following order was passed:

“ Heard.

It is inter alia contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case without there being any participation of the petitioner in the alleged crime. He submits that the petitioner had been working as Record Keeper in the office of Sub-Registrar and was posted vide order dated 14.07.2022 (Annexure P-3) passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana in the Record Room. He contends that the allegation of fabrication and connivance with other co-accused levelled against the petitioner are without any basis, as is evident from Annexure P-1, i.e. the report submitted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate Ludhiana (West) to Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to the effect that in the report dated 07.06.2022 submitted by the then Record Keeper, the Mutation No.16618 seems to be wrong. He submits that at the relevant time, the petitioner was not posted in the Record Room so there was no occasion for him to have connived with other co-accused.

Per contra, learned State counsel submits that the allegation qua the petitioner are regarding scanning of the documents on the basis of which the aforesaid mutation was sanctioned. However, when confronted with the transfer order (Annexure P-3) to the effect that the petitioner was not posted in the Record Room prior to 14.07.2022, he seeks some time for taking instructions in the matter.

Be it the case, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the



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satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

List on 14.02.2025. ”

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the orders dated 03.02.2025 and 14.02.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide orders dated 03.02.2025 and 14.02.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.

7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

11.03.2025
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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |