



CRM-M-53595-2025 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

205-2

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Date of decision: 08.12.2025

SANTOKH SINGH

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Ms. Meena, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Jagjeet Singh, Advocate
for the respondent.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.146 dated 07.07.2025 under Sections 118(2) and 333 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.), 2023, Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran. Section 74 BNS has been added in the FIR during investigation. This is his first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 18.11.2025, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0146 dated 07.07.2025 under Section 118(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Sadar, District Tarn Taran. Section 74 BNS was added in the FIR, during investigation. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there was an inordinate and unexplained delay of 31 days in lodging the FIR and petitioner was alleged to have given kirpan blow on left arm of the complainant. Other allegations of tearing of clothes of complainant's mother and giving beatings to his sister were general, levelled against all the accused. He further submits that the matter had since



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been amicably resolved between the parties, who were co-villagers and compromise deed dated 20.10.2025 duly executed between the injured and the complainant was placed on record. Pursuant to the compromise, petition for quashing the FIR had also been filed in the Court. He further submits that petitioner was 65 years of age, had no criminal antecedents and was ready and willing to join investigation.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab prays for time to file status report in the matter. Factum of compromise has not been disputed by learned counsel for the complainant.

State is directed to file status report on 08.12.2025.

Meanwhile, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel concedes that petitioner had joined investigation, cooperated and got effected recovery of weapon of offence.
4. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 18.11.2025, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

08.12.2025

HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No