



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-55143-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 17.11.2025

Sumit Pathania alias Sumit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CRM-M-55134-2025 (O&M)

Karanvir Singh and Another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Tarannum Madan, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.0152 dated 02.09.2025, registered under Sections 121(1), 132, 221 BNS and Sections 21(1) & 4(1)(A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, at Police Station Division No.2, District Pathankot (Punjab).

2. On 29.09.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the case. They were neither the owners of the tractors nor the drivers, one of the owners namely Akbar Khan has already been granted interim anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 22.09.2025. Even otherwise the injuries that shown to have been received by the complainant, are simple in nature. There is a resolution of the Gram Panchayat dated 08.09.2025, Annexure P-2 being referred to state that the petitioners were villagers, who though were present, however, had not taken part in any fight. The issue had arisen with regard to the jurisdiction as the place where the mining was being done, is stated to be in Himachal while the Punjab Police stating it to be within their territory. They are not involved in any other case and are ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation on or before 13.10.2025. In the event of their arrest, they shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioners do not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 17.11.2025.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioners have not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioners to appear, they shall make themselves available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Ramesh Kumar affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioners and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioners are not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petitions filed by the petitioners are allowed and the order dated 29.09.2025 granting interim bail to them, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioners fail to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to them.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

17.11.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No