



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRA-S-3071-2025 (O & M)

Date of decision: 10.12.2025

VIJAY KUMAR

....Appellant

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Binat Sharma, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present appeal has been filed challenging the order dated 25.09.2025 passed by learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Rupnagar, whereby application for grant of anticipatory bail to the appellant in FIR No.141 dated 08.09.2025, under Section 351(2) BNS and 3(1) (r) & 3(1) (s) of the SC/ST(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, registered at Police Station Sri Anandpur Sahib, was dismissed.

2. On 17.10.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that there is a delay of 05 days in lodging the FIR and on this ground itself the co-accused was granted bail on 16.09.2025 (Annexure P-4). He refers to the FIR to state that there were two witnesses namely Kushal Chand and Shashi Pal, who also came at the spot when the alleged occurrence had taken place who have sworn their affidavits dated 06.10.2025 and 23.09.2025, annexed as Annexures P-5 and P-6 respectively, that their names have wrongly been recorded as witnesses by obtaining their signatures on some papers on pretext of identification purpose of Manpreet Kaur-complainant. The appellant is not involved in any other case and is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

In the circumstances, the appellant is directed to join the investigation on or before 30.10.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to

compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it is clarified that if the appellant does 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 10.12.2025.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the appellant has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the appellant to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from DSP Jashandeep Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the appellant and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the appellant is 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 petition filed by the appellant is allowed and the order dated 17.10.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. However, it is made clear that if the appellant fails 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 him.

10.12.2025

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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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