



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55663-2025
Date of Decision : 06.11.2025

PREET @ PREETPAL SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Ms. Ananya Nayyar, Advocate for
Mr. Kartik Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, a co-accused in case bearing FIR No.77 dated 13.07.2024, registered against him at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur u/s 380, 457 of IPC.
2. Status Report dated 05.11.2025 by way of affidavit of Mr. Palwinder Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur, has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, which is taken on record. In para 4 thereof, factum of petitioner having joined the investigation has been admitted, though the stand of the respondent-State is that petitioner did not get the recovery effected.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that apart from the inordinate delay of 03 months in lodging the FIR, petitioner was not even present in India at time of registration of aforesaid FIR.



4. On 30.09.2025, following order was passed.

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The fact that the FIR was lodged after inordinate delay of three months is indicative of false implication and twisting of facts by complainant. He submits that the relations between the complainant and the present petitioner are far from cordial as also that the present FIR is nothing but a counter-blast to the earlier dispute. Petitioner's family and one Ranjit were involved in a criminal case which was eventually compromised, in terms of compromise deed dated 10.03.2023. Prima facie, it appears that complainant party had been nursing a grudge against the petitioner and his family members and were on the look-out of opportunity to settle scores, where they lodged present FIR, levelling baseless allegations.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for some time to file status report.

Adjourned to 06.11.2025.

Meanwhile, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and cooperate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, she shall be released on interim bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.”

5. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, and submissions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner, interim bail granted vide order dated 30.09.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. 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.

- 5. The petition stands allowed.
- 6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

06.11.2025
Nisha Yadav

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No