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

CRM-M-56343-2025

Date of decision: October 30, 2025

Gurnaib Singh and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**Present:** Mr. Davinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.158 dated
20.12.2024, under Sections 132, 221 & 285 of the BNS, 2023 and Section
8B of the National Highway Act, 1956, registered at Police Station City-1,
Mansa, District Mansa.

2. On 03.10.2025, the following order was passed:

*“Apprehending their arrest in FIR No.158 dated 20.12.2024
registered for offences punishable under Sections 132, 221, 285 of BNS
2023 and Section 8B of the National Highway Act, 1956 at Police Station
City-1, District Mansa; the petitioners have preferred this petition under
Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-
arrest bail.*

*Counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that the petitioners
are men with clean antecedents, the petitioners were part of peaceful*

demonstration against narcotic dealers and, thus, has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the petitioners were earlier extended concession of ad-interim anticipatory bail but could not join investigation on account of miscommunication between them and their counsel & the petitioners are willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. AG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 30.10.2025.

The petitioners are directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 08.10.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on interim bail subject to furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioners shall join the investigation. They shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 03.10.2025, the petitioners have indeed joined investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record and in view of the stance of the State, the interim order dated 03.10.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioners indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioners violate any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

October 30, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No