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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRA-S-3199-2025

Gurpreet Singh

....Appellant

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

Date of decision: November 26, 2025

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Nikita Garg, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Amrinder Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the appellant in case FIR No.141 dated 18.11.2023, registered for offences punishable under Sections 306 the IPC, 1860 (Section 34 IPC & Sections 3(1)(X) & 3(2)(v) of the SC/ST Act, 1989 added later on), at Police Station Dirba, District Sangrur.

2. On 17.10.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.141 dated 18.11.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 306 of IPC (Section 34 IPC and Section 3 (1)(X), 3(2)(v) of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, at Police Station Dirba, District Sangrur; the appellant has preferred the present appeal.

Counsel for the appellant, inter alia, contends that the appellant has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question; assuming arguendo, the

prosecution version is taken to be correct, the offence under Section 306 of IPC is not made out against the appellant & the appellant is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Arun Jindal, Addl. AG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent No.1-State of Punjab.

At this stage; Mr. Aminder Singh, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of respondent No.2.

Adjourned to 26.11.2025.

The appellant is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 29.10.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the appellant shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the appellant shall join the investigation. He 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 17.10.2025, the appellant has indeed joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the appellant by arguing that allegations against the appellant are serious in nature, and in case, the appellant is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that he may abscond from the process of justice and interfere in the prosecution evidence.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the entirety of factual *milieu* of the case in hand; especially, the factum of appellant having joined investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation by the State, the interim order dated 17.10.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting appellant 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.
8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the appellant violates 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.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

November 26, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No