

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:172749



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CRM-M-58922-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision:10.12.2025

Mandeep

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Piyush Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, DAG, Haryana.

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Manisha Batra, J. (Oral).

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.189, dated 06.10.2025, registered under Sections 308(2) and 351(3) of the BNS, at Police Station Dujana, District Jhajjar.

2. Vide order dated 17.10.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

3. Status report has been filed. Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 25.10.2025 and has not cooperated. His custodial interrogation is required for unearthing the full extent of his illegal money lending network and the manner in which he has been extorting and coercing borrowers under threat and for proper investigation in the matter.

4. This Court has heard rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

5. So far as the contention that the petitioner has not cooperated in the investigation is concerned, it may be stated that the behaviour attributed to the petitioner cannot be considered as an instance of non-cooperation, justifying denial for grant of pre-arrest bail since, an accused, while joining investigation, is not expected to make self-incriminating statement under the threat that the State may seek withdrawal of the interim protection granted to him. The purpose of joining investigation is to make oneself available to the Investigating Agency and to respond to lawful queries and not to satisfactorily divulge self-incriminating information.

6. In view of the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation and given the nature of allegations, this Court is of the opinion that pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. As such, without commenting on merits of case, this petition is allowed and the order dated 17.10.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

7. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

10.12.2025

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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