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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision:01.05.2025

KANWALJIT SINGH TAGHAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Sood, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner-Kanwaljit Singh Taghar has filed present petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.283, dated 07.09.2024 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 140(3), 64, 74 and 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 4 and 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Sector-13/17, Panipat, District Panipat (Haryana).

2. As per facts of the case, the complainant 'K' gave her statement that his eldest daughter age about 14 years and younger daughter 'S' age about 13 years left the house without informing on 07.09.2024. He tried to search their whereabouts but could not locate them. Thereafter, the matter was returned to the police and the present FIR was registered.

During investigation on 09.09.2024, both missing girls



were recovered from the Golden Temple, Amritsar, Punjab. Both of them were medically examined and their statements were recorded before Magistrate under Section 183 of BNSS on 10.09.2024. Accused Vishal was joined in the investigation and was arrested.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that he was granted interim bail in this case vide order dated 12.12.2024 and in pursuance of this he has already joined the investigation. His anticipatory bail application was declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court (POCSO) Panipat vide order dated 20.11.2024 (Annexure P-2) without proper appreciating the facts of the case. Main allegations are against accused Vishal. In fact he is the owner of Kanwal Guest House, Amritsar where co accused Vishal and Jashan @ Jasu had stayed with the minor girls. He is ready to abide by the terms of bail order.

4. Status report is already received. Role played by the petitioner is confirmed in para No.4 of the status report. Admittedly, present petitioner is the owner of Kanwal Guest House, Amritsar where the minor victims along with co-accused stayed. It is pointed out that only co-accused Vishal was major whereas the other co-accused and both victims were minors when they stayed in the Guest House.

5. I have considered the aforesaid facts. Main allegations are against the other co-accused. Petitioner is the owner of Guest House where the victims and co-accused stayed. Since, petitioner has joined the investigation, therefore he is not required for further investigation.



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Considering the aforesaid factual position, no purpose would be served by sending him behind the bars. Therefore, interim bail already granted in favour of petitioner vide order dated 12.12.2024 is confirmed subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Petition is accordingly allowed.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

01.05.2025

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No