



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
CRA-S-4167-2024
DECIDED ON: 08.01.2025**

VIVEK NIRMOHI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.

Present: Mr. Gurinder Singh Dhot, Advocate, and
Mr. Gurvinder Singh Mehra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. By way of the present appeal, appellant assails the order dated 26.11.2024, whereby, the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala, has declined to grant him anticipatory bail, in FIR No.19 dated 16.02.2021, under Sections 420, 379, 120-B of the IPC, Section 13-A of Punjab Village Common Land Regulation Act, 1961, and, Section 3 of The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, registered at P.S. Ghanaur, Patiala.

2. On the very outset, counsel for the petitioner places reliance upon the order dated 19.12.2024 passed in CRA-S-3989-2024, whereby plea of anticipatory bail of the co-accused Ajit Singh Laungia, in the same case has been accepted by this Court in the similar circumstances.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier, the petitioner has been granted anticipatory bail by the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Patiala, and subsequently, offence under Section 3 of the Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989, were added, and therefore, he also deserves the same concession, as has already been extended to the co-accused Ajit Singh Laungia. Copy of the order dated 19.12.2024 is ordered to be taken on record.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel files status report by way of affidavit dated 07.01.2025, which is taken on record. Learned DAG, Punjab does not dispute the factual assertion made by counsel for the petitioner that the plea of anticipatory bail application of co-accused has already been accepted by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court.

5. As per office note, though service upon respondent No.2 – complainant has been affected, but there is no representation on behalf of the complainant today before this Court.

6. This Court has heard learned counsel for the appellant and has gone through the entire case file.

7. Since an innocuous and a *bona fide* prayer has been made by learned counsel for the appellant, this Court directs the appellant to cause appearance before learned Trial Court concerned within 10 days from today.

8. In case, the appellant causes appearance before the learned trial Court concerned, within the stipulated time, he shall be released on interim regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of such Court.

9. Accordingly, present appeal stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

08.01.2025
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>