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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-3272-2026****Date of Decision:17.03.2026**

Manjit Singh @ Manjeet Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY**Present:** Mr. H.S. Batth, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Darshan Singh Malwai, Add. AG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. By virtue of the present petition under Section 482 BNSS, petitioners, accused in case bearing FIR No.149 dated 05.12.2024 registered under Sections 109, 132, 221, 121(1), 191(3), 190 BNS at Police Station City-1, Mansa, District Mansa, have prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC, Jagdeep Singh, states that the petitioners have joined the investigation and are not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 21.01.2026, following order was passed by this Court:-

Petitioners, who are accused in case FIR No.149 dated 05.12.2024 registered against them, for commission of offences punishable u/s 109, 132, 221, 121(1), 191(3), 190 of BNS at Police Station City-1, Mansa, District Mansa, have prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that unexplained delay of 07 hours in lodging the FIR raises a serious question mark on the genuineness of the story put forth by the prosecution. Further, if the sequence of events had unfolded in the manner as suggested by the

prosecution party, complainant party would have suffered 'Grievous' injuries whereas the medico legal report does not substantiate the stand. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention of the Court to the medico legal reports of police officials namely Daljit Singh and Jasvir Singh, who have suffered only minor simple injuries.

It is further the submission of learned counsel that on similar facts another case bearing FIR No.263 dated 05.12.2024 was registered against petitioners under the same sections. In the said case, the Coordinate Bench of this Court granted the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in terms of orders dated 21.07.2025.

On a pointed query raised by this Court, learned counsel submits that the said order has not been assailed by the State till now. On grounds of parity, it has been prayed that similar treatment be meted out to the present petitioners. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the IO.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to file detailed status report.

Adjourned to 17.03.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of their arrest, the petitioners shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioners shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioners have joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 21.01.2026 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioners are directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioners; they will not tamper

with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

- 5. The petition stands allowed.
- 6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

17.03.2026
Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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