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**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH**

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JAGDISH GOSWAMI**...Appellant****VERSUS****STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Argued by: Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Deepinder Singh Virk, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Kshitij Bharti, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Harkirat Singh Jagdev, Advocate
for respondents No. 2 and 3.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The appeal assails order dated 09.03.2026 of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hisar vide which his application for bail in case arising out of FIR No. 448 dated 28.12.2025 under Sections 75(2)/79/3(5)/351(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Sections 3(1)(xi), 3(1)(w)(i)(ii) of The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Police Station Narnaund was dismissed.

2. 'V1', a student of B.Sc. Nursing (4th Semester) at Khushi Nursing College, reported to the police that:

Incident No. 1- On one occasion, when she going to her room in the hostel, Jagdish Goswami called her to show her a tablet, lured her in the bathroom and attempted to harass her by touching her shoulders, waist and breasts. He also



tried to remove her bra strap by pulling her after taking off her T-shirt. After that, he continued to harass her repeatedly, including slapping, pulling her hair, twisting her ears and unwanted touching.

Incident No. 2- Jagdish Goswami came to the hostel and called her to Priya's room, asking her to press his feet. When she refused, he said "*Are you so grown up that you will refuse me?*" and forcible tried to make her press her feet.

Incident No. 3- When she went to the hostel mess to take food, he asked her what she wanted. She responded "*Roti*". He picked up a stale *Roti* from the hostel mess and said "*Take this and leave, this is what you deserve to eat.*"

3. Another student 'V2' of B.Sc. Nursing (6th Semester), Khushi Nursing College reported that on 20.04.32025, while she was seeping, Jagdish Goswami came to her room, removed the bed sheet from her waist area and said "*Oh, I touched your body; cover it again.*" At that time, she was wearing a sundress and shorts.

4. Another student 'V3' of B.Sc. Nursing (4th Semester), Khushi Nursing College, alleged that:

Incident No. 1- Ever since she participated in strike, she was personally targeted by Amandeep Goswami, who threatened her by saying "*I will get rid of you.*"

Incident No. 2- After the college management and Chairman increased the fees, a group of students collected to discuss their grievances. She raised a question during the discussion. The next day, while her classmate 'S' and she she was walking at about 11-11.15 break, the Chairman called her and told her to meet him personally at his residence.

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Incident No. 3-The Chairman instructed her to place an apple on her head for target practice. When she refused in presence of her classmate Supriya, an arrow was shot at her from behind.

Incident No. 4- On various occasions, she experienced severe discomfort, which was known to the entire staff. Despite that, when she needed rest, she was not allowed to go upstairs, nor was she provided any medication. She was told that she would go the hospital, only if her condition became worse and was forced to continue despite her ill health. Even though she refused to go the hospital because of Jind Civil charges Rs. 500/-.

Incident No. 5-During inspection, they were made to perform tasks. At that time, she had fracture in her leg due to slip and fall and had a medical report from PGI Khanpur to this effect. She was neither taken to any hospital nor provided any medical facility. Despite repeatedly submitting complaints to go home, she was not permitted. When her brother came to pick her up, they falsely claimed that they had no knowledge of her condition.

5. Another student 'V4' of B.Sc. Nursing (4th semester), Khushi Nursing College alleged that a few days before Diwali, her brother came to pick her up as they were supposed to go to Khatu Shyam. Initially the staff refused her to go. When she protested, staff members namely Ankita and Bhavna misbehaved with her brother. They further asked if he was her boyfriend, even though he came to pick her up every time and his photo is also on her outpass. When she raised this issue with Principal, she said *"Your brother is a goonda."*

6. Another student 'V5' of B.Sc. Nursing (4th Semester), Khushi Nursing College alleged that:



Incident No. 1-The Chairman, Jagdish Goswami called her and her friend together to distribute sweets on the occasion of purchase of new car. He called her forward and asked “*What is in your hand?*” Then he poured dirty water on her face, wetting her clothes and asked “*Are you angry?*” She replied “*Sir, please keep your sweets.*” Everyone gathered there said that it was a joke and asked her to clean her clothes, claiming it was harmless. The Chairman also did humiliating acts with other girls as well, three or four times.

Incident No. 2-One day, when she was going to class with her classmate ‘A’, the Chairman called and told them to stand with the apples on their heads. He then struck arrows to the mirror and instructed them to remove them. As he left, he shot an arrow which nearly hit both of them.

Incident No. 3-On another occasion, the Chairman called ‘A’ and her and told them if they wanted to talk, they should come to his residence and continued to make inappropriate comments.

7. Another girl ‘V6’ student of B.Sc. Nursing (4th Semester), Khushi Nursing College alleged that the Chairman had caused her mental harassment as he used to come to their rooms late at night without any hostel warden. He would enter their rooms without any prior notice, causing distress. He often came at around 10.00 PM or later. When she informed her parents about his behaviour, the Chairman sent his management to reprimand her at night. The next day, her room was changed. He also threatened her saying that that it was his college and nothing happens without his knowledge. He also threatened to withhold her degree and warned that he could ruin her career. All this occurred in August 2024 and she filed a complaint regarding that. Despite that, the



Chairman continued to threaten her till that day. Once, the Chairman forcibly removed her glasses and asked why she was not making any eye contact with him or talking to him. He repeatedly intimidated her in front of entire college saying *“Do whatever you want; it won’t affect me.”* The Chairman also threatened to withhold her original documents and degree to ruin her career. He also defamed her publicly.

8. Another student ‘V7’ of B.Sc. (4th Semester), Khushi Nursing College alleged that on multiple occasions, the Chairman called her personally and said if she wanted all the facilities, she should shift to Priya’s room. She told that she did not require anything special and wished to live like all other students. On several occasions, he engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as pulling her hair, slapping her on the head and back without any reason and frightened her with his pet cat. Said behaviour caused her distress.

9. Another student ‘V8’ of B.Sc. Nursing (4th Semester), Khushi Nursing College alleged that when the students protested at the college, Priya along with others forced her, ‘P’, ‘S’ and ‘A’ to give false and untrue statements.

10. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that FIR was motivated by a decision of the management of the Nursing College enhancing the hostel and mess fee of the college by ₹ 2,500/- w.e.f. 01.12.2025. Some students and their parents objected to the fee hike and on 06.12.2025, a Youtuber namely Karmu entered the girls hostel along with his cameraman without any permission. The matter was reported to the police and FIR was registered against him, on which account certain students devised a plan to level false allegations against the appellant. Learned counsel further submits that FIR was



registered on the basis of complaints from 8 different students. Even if the allegations were taken at their face value, ingredients of Section 79 BNS were not attracted. Out of 08 victims, 03 of them including the one belonging to SC/ST community had furnished separate affidavits that the allegations were result of misunderstanding and the matter was amicably resolved between the parties. Further that they had no objection, if the appellant was released on bail. Appellant was in custody for more than 02 and half months. Investigation of the case was complete and his further incarceration will not serve any purpose, particularly when 03 of the students who levelled the allegations on the basis of which the FIR was registered, had themselves entered into a compromise.

11. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer of regular bail arguing that considering the status of the appellant, who was the Chairman of the Institution, there was likelihood of his influencing the witnesses and tampering with evidence. Therefore, it was not a fit case to enlarge the appellant on regular bail. He supported the order of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hisar and prayed for dismissal of appeal.

12. 03 students V1, V2 and V7, including the one belonging to SC/ST community, who levelled allegations of sexual harassment have furnished affidavits stating that the FIR was result of misunderstanding and now the matter had been amicably resolved. Investigation of the case is complete. Petitioner is behind bars w.e.f. 01.01.2026. Trial may take time to conclude. Antecedents of the appellant were clean and he is not stated to be involved in any other case. Conclusion of trial may take some time. There is no reason to believe that the appellant would obstruct the course of justice. Truth of the

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allegations against the appellant can be determined only on completion of trial. In the facts and circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, petition is allowed. Order dated 09.03.2026 of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hisar is set aside. Appellant is directed to be released on regular bail on furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

MARCH 27.03.2026*Ajay Goswami***(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE**

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