

208 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026 PHHC 074800



CRM-M-23651-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.05.2026

BALJIT SINGH

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. B.S.Makar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (erstwhile Section 438 Cr.P.C.) in FIR No. 181 dated 19.09.2025, registered under Sections 408 and 120-B IPC (Sections 316(4) and 61 of BNS) at Police Station Sadar Patti, District Tarn Taran.

2. The case of the prosecution is that 72000 bags of wheat amounting to Rs.11.26 crores were allegedly misappropriated and for the transportation thereof, at least 150-160 trucks would have been required. It is further alleged that the petitioner was working as Assistant Manager in the warehouse at the relevant time.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner was merely working as an Assistant Manager at the warehouse. It is further submitted that he had no direct role in the alleged misappropriation and is ready and willing to join the investigation.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for grant of bail

to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. He has filed a short reply by way of affidavit of Ravi Sher Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Patti, District Tarn Taran in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. A perusal of the reply reveals that petitioner was posted as Assistant Manager at the warehouse and was holding a supervisory and responsible position with regard to maintenance, supervision and management of the wheat stock. He was responsible for monitoring inward and outward movement of wheat bags, maintaining stock records and overall functioning of the warehouse. During investigation, a shortage/embezzlement of approximately 72,000 bags of wheat, equivalent to about 150–160 truckloads, amounting to approximately Rs. 11.26 crores, has been detected.

7. Keeping in view the entire facts and circumstances of the case, nature and gravity of allegations and the magnitude of misappropriation, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary for thorough and effective investigation of the case. Therefore, considering the seriousness and gravity of the allegations, no exceptional or extraordinary grounds are made out for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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