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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 17.03.2026

Avtar Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.181 dated 29.07.2025, under Section 316(2), 318(4) of BNS, 2023, at PS Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

2. The allegations against the petitioner is that he and his other co-accused have forged signatures of the owner of the property on an agreement to sell and then received the amount. The total disputed amount appears to be Rs. 5,70,000/-.

3. Hearing the petitioner's contention as recorded in the order dated 21.08.2025 reads as under:

*“The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a part of money received by the petitioner has already been returned to the complainant and that the petitioner is willing to return the remaining amount also. The*



*learned counsel for the petitioner requests for referring this case to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, to explore the possibilities of amicable settlement between the parties.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Since advance notice has already been served upon the State, Mr. Eklavya Darshi, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent and waives service.*

*In view of above, the request of learned counsel for the petitioner is hereby accepted and the parties are directed to appear before the Mediator, to be nominated by the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, on 10.09.2025.*

*List on 30.09.2025 for awaiting the report of Mediator.*

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer. The petitioner will join investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”*

4. Neither the dispute could be settled before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre nor there is any representation on behalf of the petitioner. The case called twice (once in the first session and second time during second session/post lunch session). No one appears to represent the petitioner. This Court is left with no other option except to dismiss the case for want of prosecution.

5. Ordered accordingly. Resultantly, the petition is dismissed for want of prosecution.

6. Investigating Officer is directed to proceed in accordance with law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

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