



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-S-2977-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.01.2026

Manoj Kumar

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Sumit Sangwan, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Chhavi Sharma, AAG Haryana.

Mr. Randeep Punia, Advocate for
Mr. Mohit Rathee, Advocate for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant appeal has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the appellant(s) in case bearing FIR No. 202 dated 03.8.2025 for offence(s) under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 126(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 [Sections 3(2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 added later on] registered at Police Station Salhawas.

2. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant submits that even though the FIR was registered only for commission of offence under Section 115, 118(1) and 126 of the BNS. He submits that subsequently, offences under Sections 126 & 115 of the BNS were deleted and offences under Section 115(2) and 126(2) of BNS as well as offences under Section 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled



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Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were added during investigation on production of caste certificate by the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 08.10.2025 passed by this Court, the appellant has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required for investigation of the case.

4. Learned State counsel on instruction from the Investigating Officer, corroborates the said averment and submits that further custodial interrogation of the appellant is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since the appellant has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the present petition is ***allowed*** and the interim order dated 08.10.2025 is made absolute.

7. However, if required, the petitioner(s) shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

14.01.2026

Mangal Singh

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