

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:031235



CRA-S-3379-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 26.02.2026.

DALJIT SINGH SANDHU

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Pradeep Virk, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Ajay Sharma, Advocate, Mr. Kamal Jindal, Advocate, and
Mr. Amandeep Punia, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.161 dated 17.07.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 3 (1) (R) and 3 (1) (S) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention Of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Amendment 2015 and Section 126(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Sections 118(1) and 118(2) of the BNS 2023 added later on) at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran; the appellant has preferred the present appeal impugning the order dated 02.09.2025.

Status report already filed on behalf of the respondent-State is

taken on record.

Learned counsel for the appellant(s) submits that pursuant to the order dated 03.11.2025 passed by this Court, the appellant(s) has joined investigation and custodial interrogation of the appellant(s) is not required for further investigation of the case.

Mr. Harman Juneja, Advocate, enters appearance and files power of attorney on behalf of the respondent No.2-complainant. He vehemently opposes the prayer made in the present appeal and contends that the same be dismissed.

Learned State counsel, on instruction from assisting police official, submits that the custodial interrogation of the appellant (s) is not required for the purpose of investigation.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the appellant(s) has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 03.11.2025 is made absolute.

February 26, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No