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

(126)

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Date of Decision:-25.03.2026

Lal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Gurpyar Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.85 dated 28.06.2025 under Sections 109, 115(2), 118(1), 74, 76, 132, 221, 121(1), 351(3), 191(3) and 190 of BNS, 2023 subsequently added Section 238 of BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Sadar Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla.
2. Vide order dated 17.11.2025 passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the arrest of the petitioner was stayed and he was directed to join the investigation.
3. Vide order dated 17.03.2026, the petitioner was again directed to join the investigation and to cooperate with the Investigating Agency.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that although the petitioner has joined the investigation but he is not cooperating and is apparently evading the questions put to him by the Investigating Agency.



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5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the authorities cannot compel the petitioner to make any self-incriminating statements, much less under any alleged pressure to do so.

6. Be that as it may, the authorities are at liberty to draw an adverse inference, in case, the petitioner continues to evade answering the questions put to him.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 17.11.2025 is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

8. It is clarified that nothing stated herein shall be construed as a final expression of opinion on the merits of the case. It is further made clear that, in the event the petitioner is found involved in any such activity again, the concession granted herein shall automatically stand vacated.

9. This order shall not be construed as granting parity to any other co-accused.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

25.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-
Whether Reportable:-

Yes/No
Yes/No