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220 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-65727-2025
Date of Decision: 14.01.2026

Anmol @ Anmol Narula and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Ms. Navneet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioners, co-accused in case bearing FIR No.226 dated 25.09.2025 registered against them at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka u/s 331(6), 115(2), 351(3), 191(3), 190 BNS, 2023.

2. Status Report dated 07.01.2026 by way of affidavit of Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Brar, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Abohar, Distt. Fazilka, has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, which is taken on record. In para 5 thereof, the factum of petitioners having joined the investigation has been mentioned. In para 9 of the said report, it has also been pointed out that past antecedents of the petitioners are quite clean in the sense that they are not involved in any other criminal case except the present case.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC, Harsh Kumar, No.835/FZK, states that the petitioners have joined the investigation and are not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 20.11.2025 following order was passed.

Petitioners, accused in case FIR No. 226 dated 25.9.2025, under Sections 331(6), 115(2), 351(3), 119(3), 190 of BNS, registered against them at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka, have filed the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail.

Relevant facts as emerging from the documents on record be noticed hereinbelow:-

Pankaj Kumar, son of Sudhir Kumar, resident of Dhani Mijji Sahib Dharam Nagri, Abohar, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka, a Labourer by profession, set the criminal law in motion by filing a complaint pointing therein that he and his elder brother Vishal, both are married and living jointly along with their parents, children and grandmother. There is a vacant plot next to their house. His parents are on friendly terms with Sunil Kumar, son of Madan Lal, resident of Gali No.10, Dharam Nagri, Abohar, who has two sons, elder named as Anmol and younger one Aman. Complainant asserts that he and his family members are in possession of the plot and that a dispute is going on between them and aforementioned Sunil Kumar, who is also asserting his rights over the said plot. On this count, many a times, there have been verbal altercations between the two families. Complainant also alleged that Sunil Kumar has a bad eye on his wife Harpreet Kaur and often stops her when she is passing by, as also sends objectionable messages on her 'whatsapp'. Requests were made to Sunil Kumar to desist from these unpleasant activities, but to no avail. At about 10 PM on 20.9.2025, when he (c) and others were having dinner, they suddenly heard loud noises emanating from the street in front of their house. When he opened the gate, he saw Sunil Kumar along with his two sons and other 10-15 unidentified persons standing next to the gate. They all were armed with weapons. Complainant noticed that Sunil Kumar was having a plastic container in his hand, they were using foul language. Sunil Kumar extorted others to throw him (c) and his family members out of the house. Before he and others could react, Sunil Kumar and his two sons and others suddenly entered the house. Sunil Kumar started throwing liquid from the 'can', which they (complainant's family) later came to know was Petrol. Aman,

who was armed with a rod, hit him on his head. His family members raised an alarm. His parents were also assaulted. However, as people started gathering nearby, assailants ran away. He, his injured parents were rushed to the hospital where first-aid medical treatment was provided. Primarily with this backdrop, the complainant requested the police authorities to catch hold them and appropriate criminal proceedings be initiated against them.

On the basis of said complaint and medico legal reports, a formal case vide FIR No. 226 dated 25.9.2025, was registered against them under Sections 331(6), 115(2), 351(3), 119(3), 190 of BNS, at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for petitioners contends that petitioners and their father have been falsely implicated in the present case. The fact that the alleged incident occurred in late hours of 20.9.2025, but the FIR was lodged after unexplained delay of five days on 25.9.2025 is indicative of the fact that the facts have been twisted and manipulated. Continuing further, learned counsel contends that in fact the dispute pertains to a plot, which the father of petitioners had purchased from complainant vide agreement dated 27.3.2019. The entire sale consideration was paid and since then the father of petitioners has been in possession. Complainant and his family members wanted to again take possession of the said plot and have been on the lookout of an opportunity to dispossess petitioners and, thus, concocted a false story. To amicably resolve the dispute, a Panchayat was also convened. It was agreed that no proceedings would be initiated and the matter would be settled, but shockingly enough, complainant's family went back on their words and got registered the frivolous FIR.

It is further the submission of learned counsel that on 18.9.2025, complainant and his family members tried to forcibly take possession of the plot and in the incident damaged Wagon-R Car of petitioners and also took away CCTV DVR. This incident was recorded by the father of petitioners in his mobile phone. The same when perused indicates that petitioners were not even present at the site, one of them was in Delhi, wherein the other one was present at home. Towards the end, learned counsel contends that for the sake of arguments, if the allegations levelled in the FIR are presumed to be

true (though not admitted), only one injury is attributed to petitioner No.2-Aman which has since been declared as ‘Simple’, whereas petitioner No.1 has not even been named in the FIR.

Learned counsel also contends that nonetheless petitioners are ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called for.

Heard. Documents perused.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file status report.

In view of submissions advanced by learned counsel for petitioners, petitioners are hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of petitioners, they shall be released on interim bail on their furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. They shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

List on 14.1.2026.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioners have joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 20.11.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioners are directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioners; they will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

5. The petition stands allowed.

6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

14.01.2026
Parveen kumar

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