



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

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**CRA-S-3678-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 20.03.2026**

Narender Sharma

...Appellant(s)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and another

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Sanjeev Majra, Advocate for the appellant.

Ms. Chhavi Sharma, AAG Haryana.

Mr. Varun Kumar Jaglan, Advocate for respondent No.2.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant appeal has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the appellant in case bearing FIR No. 221 dated 13.11.2025 for offence(s) under Sections 115, 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 registered at Police Station Rajaund, District Kaithal.

2. Reply filed by way of affidavit dated 09.03.2026 on behalf of respondent-State is already available on file and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to do the needful.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 28.11.2025 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. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant reiterates the allegations levelled in the FIR.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Since the appellant has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required and bearing in mind that arguable issue with respect to the offence(s) under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 would arise during the course of trial, the present petition is *allowed* and the interim order dated 28.11.2025 is made absolute.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

20.03.2026

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No