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

(126-2)

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Date of Decision:-25.03.2026

Gurpreet Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

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

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

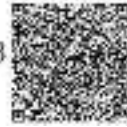
ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

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 13.01.2026 passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the arrest of the petitioners was stayed and they were directed to join the investigation.

3. Vide order dated 17.03.2026, the petitioners were again directed to join the investigation and to cooperate with the Investigating Agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that although the petitioners have joined the investigation, they are not cooperating and



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are apparently evading the questions put to them by the Investigating Agency.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the authorities cannot compel the petitioners 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 petitioners continue to evade answering the questions put to them.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 13.01.2026 is made absolute. However, the petitioners 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 petitioners are 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:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No