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209/1 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
 AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 22.01.2026

Abdul Satar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Jaskamal Singh Grewal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.24 dated 04.10.2025, under Sections 85, 74 and 76 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Women Police Station Malerkotla District Malerkotla.

2. Vide order dated 15.12.2025, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“ While issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed by this Court on 28.11.2025 in CRM-M-66523-2025)-

"Apprehending arrest the petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.24 dated 04.10.2025, under Sections 85, 74 and 76 of BNS,



registered at Police Station Women Police Station Malerkotla, District Malerkotla.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, a senior citizen aged about 70 years, has been falsely implicated in the present FIR on the statement of the prosecutrix, alleging therein that the petitioner tried to outrage her modesty. It is submitted that the complainant does not share a cordial relation with her husband. The petitioner, who is a friend of the husband of the complainant, has been entangled in false criminal proceedings by the complainant only to pressurize her husband. Learned counsel highlights that the present FIR has been registered after a delay of one month after consultations and confabulations, that too by levelling false and baseless allegations, in support of which no material is available on record.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file response.

Adjourned to 15.12.2025.

In the meantime, no coercive steps be taken qua the petitioner."

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that petitioner(s) is/are ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

In compliance to orders dated 28.11.2025 and 03.12.2025, status reports dated 13.12.2025 and 14.12.2025 on behalf of respondent-State have been filed by learned State counsel in Court today, which are taken on



record. A copy thereof has been handed over to the learned counsel for the petitioner(s), who seeks time to go through the same and address arguments.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner(s) is/are directed to join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. They shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023;-

(1) That the petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so

(2) That the petitioners shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts to the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to Court or to any police officer

(3) That the petitioners shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.

It is made clear that nothing contained hereinabove shall have any bearings on the merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the trial.

Adjourned to 22.01.2026.

Interim order to continue.”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Manohar Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 15.12.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 26.12.2025 and is not required for any further investigation.



4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 15.12.2025 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner(s).

7. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

8. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.

10. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.) to arrest the accused-petitioner(s), in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.



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11. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

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