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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on :19.03.2026

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... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.17 dated 23.01.2025, under Section 136 of Electricity Act, registered at Police Station Rajound, District Kaithal.

2. On 22.12.2025, no one appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

However, upon perusal of the petition, following was recorded:

“ Present: None for the petitioner.

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i) Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 17 dated 23.01.2025, registered under Section 136 of the Electricity Act at Police Station Rajound, District Kaithal.

ii) As per the allegations in the FIR, on 21.01.2025, some unknown person allegedly stole certain parts of 16 KVA transformer, whereupon the FIR under Section 136 of the Electricity Act was registered. In fact, petitioner had earlier been made an accused in FIR No. 203 dated 24.11.2024 under Section 136 of the Electricity Act, registered at Police Station Titram, and was released on bail in the said case.

iii) It is pleaded in the petition that on the basis of the alleged recovery of 2 kg of copper from the possession of the petitioner and his co-accused in the aforementioned FIR No. 203, petitioner has been implicated in the present case as well, despite there being no direct evidence against him. There are other cases of a similar nature registered against the petitioner, namely:

(i) FIR No. 203 dated 25.11.2024, registered at Police Station Titram under Section 136 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (on bail);



(ii) FIR No. 12 dated 18.01.2025, registered at Police Station Rajound;

(iii) FIR No. 179 of 2024, registered at Police Station Rajound;

(iv) FIR No. 512 of 2024, registered at Police Station Pundri; and

(v) FIR No. 23 of 2025, registered at Police Station Rajound.

iv) Notice of motion returnable for 29.12.2025.

v) Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana, appears on behalf of the respondent/State.

vi) Respondent/State is directed to file a status report regarding the credentials of petitioner and the evidence collected against him during the course of investigation.

3. In paragraph No. 9 of the status report, it has been stated that the petitioner is involved in total 10 cases, including the present one, and the details of the same are reproduced hereunder:

“i) Fir No. 203 Dt. 25-11-24 U/s 136/137 EC Act PS Titram Distt-KTL. Arrest on. 04-02-25. (Arrested)

ii) Fir No. 12 Dt. 18-01-25 U/s 136 EC, Act PS Rajound Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

iii) Fir No. 17 Dt. 23-01-25 U/s 136 EC Act PS Rajound Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

iv) Fir No. 179 Dt. 24-07-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS Rajound Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

v) Fir No. 71 Dt. 22-04-24 U/s 136 EC Act & 379 IPC PS Dhand Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

vi) Fir No. 15 Dt. 19-01-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS Titram Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

vii) Fir No. 23 Dt. 17-01-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS Pundri Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

viii) Fir No. 26 Dt. 20-01-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS Pundri Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

ix) Fir No. 512 Dt. 14-12-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS Pundri Distt-KTL. (Not Arrested)

x) Fir No. 303 Dt. 26-12-24 U/s 136 EC Act PS. Rajound. (Not Arrested) ”

Except for the FIR mentioned at Serial No. (i), the petitioner has not been arrested in any other case. All these cases were registered in the year 2024, and two of the cases were registered in the year 2025.

Even the present case was registered on 23.01.2025, and despite there being no interim direction, as reported by learned State

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counsel, petitioner has neither been joined in the investigation by the Investigating Officer nor arrested. The reasons for the same are best known to the Investigating Officer.

4. Generally it is being noticed in a number of cases that the Investigating Officer(s) have been functioning in a relaxed manner, without taking the required steps immediately after the registration of the FIR. The present case is a glaring example of this, as on the one hand the petitioner is involved in a number of cases, and on the other hand, he has not even been arrested in any single case. No explanation is forthcoming, as to why accused was not arrested by the Investigating officer, during the last 14-month period, especially when there was no protection granted by any Court.

5. Considering that petitioner is an habitual offender, being involved in ten other cases, and that no one has ever appeared to represent him before this Court, present petition is hereby dismissed.

6. Let copy of this order be forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Kaithal, to look into the issue, particularly the conduct of the Investigating Officer(s) concerned.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

19.03.2026***Rashmi***

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*