



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

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CRM-M-34142-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: October 14, 2025

JOGINDER ANAND & ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present:- Dr. Anmol Rattan Singh Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Varun Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate for the complainant.

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 petitioners, in case bearing FIR No.182 dated 07.06.2025, under Section 85 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. This Court while issuing notice of motion on 07.07.2025 passed the following order:-

“Apprehending arrest in FIR No.182 dated 07.06.2025, under Section 85 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS, 2023) for grant of pre-arrest bail.

Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners inter alia submits that the petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 are the father-in-law and mother-in-law, aged about 71 years and 64 years respectively, of the complainant and have been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further contended that the allegations leveled in the present FIR, which was got lodged after the petitioners left India for abroad on 05.03.2025, are vague and omnibus and no specific role has been attributed to the petitioners. Learned senior counsel submits that the petitioners are ready to join investigation



and cooperate.

Notice of motion.

Served with an advance copy of the petition, Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file reply.

Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed power of attorney on behalf of the complainant in Court today. The same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the parties submits that there are chances of an amicable settlement between the parties. They pray that the matter may be referred to the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court for an amicable settlement.

Accordingly, the parties are directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court on 09.07.2025 at 11:00 a.m. for working out a possible amicable settlement. Needless to say that parties shall remain present on each & every date fixed by the said Forum.

For awaiting report, adjourned to 29.07.2025.

Meanwhile, the arrest of the petitioners shall remain stayed.

Petitioners are directed to pay a sum of Rs.30,000/- as litigation expenses to the complainant-wife on the first day of mediation.”

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 22.09.2025, petitioners were directed to join investigation.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the investigating officer concerned, submits that in compliance of order dated 22.09.2025, the petitioners have joined the investigation and are not required for any further investigation.
5. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Orders dated 07.07.2025 and 22.09.2025 passed by this Court, are hereby made absolute.
6. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioners 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.
7. 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 petitioners.



8. The accused/petitioners 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.

9. The accused/petitioners shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

10. The accused/petitioners shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.

11. 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 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973) to arrest the accused, 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.

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

14.10.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether reportable:

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No