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

**CRM-M-11813-2025  
Date of decision: 16.07.2025**

**SHATRUGHAN PRASAD**

**...Petitioner(s)**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**...Respondent(s)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present:- Ms. Anmol Thakur, Advocate for  
Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan Singh Rai, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.199 dated 05.12.2024, under Sections 80 and 3(5) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased girl. She further submitted that on 03.04.2025, an interim order was passed by this Court, whereby the arrest of the petitioner was stayed and thereafter, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has fully cooperated with the investigation process and therefore, he may be considered for the grant of anticipatory bail.



3. On the other hand, learned State counsel submitted on instructions from ASI Chand Singh that after the arrest of the petitioner was stayed by this Court vide order dated 03.04.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has fully cooperated with the investigation process and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. It is directed that in case in future the petitioner is required to join the investigation process, then he shall join the investigation and cooperate fully with the investigation process. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Arresting/Investigating Officer on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

**16.07.2025**  
Chetan Thakur

**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

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