



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-2895-2025

Date of decision: April 24, 2025

VISHAL

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sachin Ohri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
with ASI Mandeep Salgotra.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.150 dated 05.11.2024 under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 118(1), 191 (3), 190 of the BNSS, 2023 (Section 118(2) added later on) registered at Police Station Division No.11, District Pathankot.

2. After issuing notice of motion on 20.01.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim bail by this Court vide, with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the order dated 20.01.2025 reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that there is an inordinate delay of 18 days in the lodging of the FIR in question even though the complainant was discharged from hospital two days after the alleged occurrence. Learned counsel contends that delay in the lodging of the FIR was used by the complainant party to fabricate an exaggerated and false version especially against the petitioner.”



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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner reiterates that false implication of the petitioner is evident from the delay in lodging of the FIR. He submits that in compliance of order dated 20.01.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for their custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 20.01.2025 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

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Jaspreet Kaur

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

: *Yes/No*

: *Yes/No*