



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

(210)

CRM-M NO.33530-2025

DATE OF DECISION: 18.08.2025

Jagdeep Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present Ms. Jasmine Bedi, Advocate,
with Ms. Jagriti Kala, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Navneet Kaur, Advocate, for complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.31 dated 02.06.2025, registered under Sections 304(2), 126(2), 115(2), 324(4) read with Section 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Sadar Budhlada, District Mansa.
2. On oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner, offence under Section 238 of BNS, 2023 is ordered to be added in the head note and prayer clause of the petition since it has been added during the course of investigation.
3. Vide order dated 31.07.2025 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 31.07.2025 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, reads as under:

“The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case bearing FIR No.31 dated 02.06.2025 under Sections 304(2)/126(2)/115(2)/324(4) of BNS read with Section 3(5) of BNS registered at Police Station Sadar Budhlada, District Mansa.



Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Even as per the case set up by the prosecution, admittedly, the petitioner has not indulged in snatching. The allegation of snatching has been specifically attributed to co-accused, namely, Jagjeet Singh @ Jonny. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and is having clean antecedents.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and files status report which is taken on record.

In the meantime, keeping in view the law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Mohd. Muslim alias Hussain Vs. State (NCT of Delhi) 2023 SCC OnLine SC 352, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today and on his doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.). RYANA HISH COURT If the Investigating/Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Investigating/Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Adjourned to 18.08.2025.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.”

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on



12.08.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation. As such, she has no objection if the petition is allowed.

5. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 31.07.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (analogous to Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure).

18.08.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No

