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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on : 17.09.2025

TARSEM SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Baljinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed here-under:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Tarsem Singh,	26	25.03.2025	408 IPC	Mehtiana	Hoshiarpur

2. On 23.06.2025, following order was passed:-



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2. The FIR in question has been registered on the basis of a complaint dated 18.03.2025, submitted by the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Garhshankar. It has been alleged therein that the petitioner, Tarsem Singh, who previously served as Secretary of the Ajnoha Cooperative Agriculture Services Society Limited, Ajnoha, Tehsil Garhshankar, committed embezzlement of an amount of ₹12,41,638.83. The said amount was reflected as “cash in hand” in the day book, along with stock of manure, the charge of which was allegedly not handed over to the current Manager of the Society. This alleged embezzlement came to light during an audit of the Society’s records for the period from 01.04.2005 to 31.03.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that custodial interrogation is not warranted in the present case, as the allegations are based entirely on documentary evidence, which is already available with the concerned office. It is further contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and made a scapegoat due to political considerations.

Accordingly, the petitioner prays for the grant of anticipatory bail, as he is ready and willing to join the investigation and cooperate with the authorities.

3. Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State.

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4. *Adjourned to 17.09.2025.*

5. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

6. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court”.

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 23.06.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by learned counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 04.09.2025, by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

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6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 23.06.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. **Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.**

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

September 17, 2025
Poonam Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No