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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRA-S-2281-2025

Date of decision: August 28, 2025

Pargat Singh

....Appellant

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Abhinav Singla, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab.

None for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present appeal has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the appellant in case FIR No.20 dated 06.02.2024, registered for offences punishable under Section 3(1) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 (for short 'SC/ST Act') and Section 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), at Police Station Pasyana, District Patiala.

2. Case has been called out twice, but none has caused appearance on behalf of respondent No.2.

3. On 01.08.2025, the following order was passed:

“Present appeal has been preferred by the appellant seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.20 dated 06.02.2024, registered for offences punishable under Section 3(1) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled

Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 (for short 'SC/ST Act'), at Police Station Pasyana, District Patiala.

Compliance report by way of an affidavit dated 31.07.2025 filed by the learned State counsel, in Court today, and the same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel for the appellant as also learned counsel for the complainant.

Inter alia contends that the appellant has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question on account of a village faction related dispute; no specific overt act has been attributed to the appellant, which may invoke provisions of SC/ST Act; & he is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Adjourned to 28.08.2025.

The appellant is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 08.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the appellant shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the appellant shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 01.08.2025, the appellant has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial interrogation is not required.
5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record and in view of the stance of the State, the interim order dated 01.08.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
6. Appeal stands allowed, accordingly.
7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting appellant 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.
8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the appellant violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

August 28, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No