



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-42482-2024
Date of decision: 29.01.2025

Suraj Bhan and anotherPetitioners

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Bipan Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate and
Mr. Gurjas Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Viren Jain, Advocate and
Mr. Raj Shekhar, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') in case FIR No.146 dated 27.07.2024 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

2. Fresh power of attorney on behalf of the complainant, after taking NOC from the previous counsel, has been filed in the Court today, which is taken on record.

3. On 30.08.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned senior counsel for the petitioners, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the



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petitioners and them to join investigation:-

“2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioners inter alia submits that it is alleged that complainant Raj Kumar Mehta, who was working as Secretary of Shiv Shakti Medical Society, Bhikhi along with other Members have been removed by allegedly forging their signatures on resignation letters.

3. He contends that petitioners are the nephews of the complainant and in order to harass his brother who is the President of the Society has involved them in the present FIR. Both the petitioners have nothing to do with the management of said society.”

4. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of order dated 30.08.2024, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Sukhjit Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioners having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioners are not required for further investigation much less for their custodial interrogation.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 30.08.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

29.01.2025

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

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