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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 13.10.2025

RAVI KUMAR @ RAVI SHANKAR AND OTHERS..... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Ms. Pridhi Jaswinder Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.213, dated 24.12.2023, registered at Police Station Garshankar District Hoshiarpur, under Sections 9, 39, 49 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. In compliance of order dated 07.08.2025, status report by way of affidavit dated 18.09.2025 of Jaspreet Singh PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Garshankar, District Hoshiarpur filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

3. On 07.08.2025, the following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) is to



grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.213, dated 24.12.2023, registered at Police Station Garshankar District Hoshiarpur, under Sections 9, 39, 49 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners argued that petitioners have been falsely implicated in the FIR merely on the basis of suspicion. No one had seen any one committing the offence and they were named in the FIR on the basis of information supplied by the Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat of Village Hajipur. Pitbull dog which was allegedly used in hunting of the Sambar is not owned by the petitioners. Nothing is to be recovered from their possession. The petitioners are ready to join the investigation and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in their favour.

3. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioners have committed a heinous offence by hunting a Sambar which is Scheduled-1 animal as per Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and their custodial interrogation is essential to find out as to how many persons were involved and the Modus Operandi of the accused in committing the crime.

4. As per allegations in the FIR, some persons had hunted one 'Sambar' with the help of a Pitbull dogs. One female Pitbull dog was taken into possession from the spot but no one had seen anyone committing the crime. The petitioners were named in the FIR on the basis of information supplied by Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat of Village Hajipur that these three persons were involved in the hunting of a Sambar.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

7. Adjourned to 13.10.2025 for filing status report.

8. Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation and in the event of their arrest, they shall be



admitted to ad-interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioners shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS/438(2) Cr.P.C.”.

4. Today, on instructions from ASI Ravish Kumar learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 07.08.2025 and is no longer required for further investigation.

5. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 07.08.2025 whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.

6. Disposed of.

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

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

13.10.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No