



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

CRA-S-1538-2025

Date of Decision:17.07.2025

Gurtej Singh Gill

...Appellant

vs.

State of Punjab and Anr.

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr.Bipin Ghai, Senior Advocate with
Mr.Nikhil Ghai, Advocate and
Mr. Akhil Godara, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. I.P.S Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The appellant has filed the present appeal against the impugned order dated 24.04.2025 passed by the Court of Special Court, Ludhiana, whereby the application filed by the appellant under Section 482 of BNSS was ordered to be dismissed.

2. While granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court on 05.05.2025, the following contentions were noticed by this Court and the same have been reproduced below:-

“Learned Senior counsel contends that the present appellant is working as a Senior Lecturer in a Government College (Boys) at Ludhiana and belongs to a highly educated family. On 08.04.2025, the appellant has seen certain unknown persons, who were ringing the bells of the houses in the vicinity. On being questioned, they replied that they had come from Election Commission Office to check the voters’ list. Later

on, it was found that they were members of a political party and were campaigning in its favour. Learned Senior counsel next submits that there was only exchange of hot words and no such occurrence had taken place. He next submits that the appellant was admittedly not known to the complainant and he had no reason to know the caste of the complainant. Thus, the allegations are highly improbable and unbelievable. Learned Senior counsel next submits that even from the contents of the FIR, no offence under Section 3 of SC & ST Act is made out and the petitioner is ready to join the investigation. ”.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant has reiterated the submissions and further submits that the appellant has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation may not be required.

4. Learned State counsel also submits that the appellant has joined the investigation and is no longer required for further investigation.

5. In view of the above statement made by learned counsel for the parties, the interim order dated 05.05.2025 is made absolute. The appellant shall continue to join the investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer. The appellant shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

17.07.2025

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