



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

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**CRM-M-21789-2025
Date of decision: 27.05.2025**

SATWANT SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. V.K. Thakur, 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 hereunder:-

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2. On 25.04.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. *As per the FIR, the incident occurred on 10.03.2025, when the nude video of the complainant was allegedly recorded by the accused persons. It is alleged that the petitioner, Satwant Singh, along with his co-accused Baldev Singh, demanded a sum of Rs.10 lakhs from the complainant for settling the matter with the individual who had prepared the said video. Under pressure, the complainant transferred an amount of Rs.4 lakhs via Western Union from Kot Ise Khan to Axis Bank Account No. 924010063724141, which is in the name of Baba Sri Chand Ji Gaushala Sewa Society. However, counsel for the petitioner is unable to explain as to when the said amount was transferred by the complainant.*

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that the account in the name of Baba Sri Chand Ji Gaushala Sewa Society was opened at the instance of the petitioner, as his mobile number is linked with the account details in the bank records.*

6. *To clear the aforementioned aspect, counsel for the petitioner seeks an adjournment.*

7. *Adjourned to 19.05.2025, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter, explaining therein the role of the accused in the case.”*

3. Status report dated 16.05.2025 by way of an affidavit of Ramandeep Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dharamkot, District Moga has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record.



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4. On the previous date of hearing, proceedings were adjourned for today, to enable the petitioner to explain that if he is not involved in the crime, then how his mobile number is found linked with account No.924010063724141 which is in the name of Baba Sri Chand Ji Gaushala Sewa Society.

5. Despite giving an opportunity, counsel for the petitioner expressed his helplessness and inability to give any explanation in that regard.

6. Since the counsel for the petitioner has failed to discharge his duty, this Court does not find any special reason to extend the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, which in fact is a discretionary relief.

7. According the present petition is dismissed.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

27.05.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No