



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

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CRM-M No.20568 of 2025

Date of decision : 17.04.2025

Harjot Singh Pander

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H. S. GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Pawandeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Eklavya Darshi, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.209 dated 11.10.2023 under Sections 365, 323, 324, 325, 341, 148, 149, 506 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana, Police Commissionerate District Ludhiana.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he had given certain injuries to the complainant while the complainant was illegally detained in custody and the petitioner had tied cloth to the mouth of the complainant and put water in his mouth. It is further contended that the petitioner did not have any direct motive and the motive was with the wife of the complainant namely, Manpreet Kaur who has been granted bail.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State opposes the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner has actively participated in the occurrence and photographic evidence is also available. Moreover, the petitioner has been evading arrest since the date of lodging of the FIR in



question. Although his co-accused have been granted regular bail, the petitioner never came up and joined investigation and has been approaching the higher official(s) with a request to investigate the case.

4. I have heard learned counsel for both the parties and have considered the allegations against the petitioner. The allegations are serious in nature as the petitioner has actively been involved in illegally detaining the complainant and as such, he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

5. Therefore, the present petition stands dismissed. Since the FIR in the present case pertains to the year 2023, liberty reserved to the petitioner to surrender before the trial Court concerned within a period of 07 days and on his doing so and further in case he approaches the trial Court for grant of bail, the trial Court is directed to consider his bail application within a period of 03 days.

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 17, 2025

Sonia Puri

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