



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

**CRM-M-3883-2025
Date of decision: 24.02.2025**

SANDEEP SINGH KHOKHAR @ SANDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Bhriagu Dutt Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kanav Goyal, Advocate and
Mr. Varun Garg, Advocate for respondent No.4.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant petition is preferred under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.3 dated 05.01.2025 under Sections 115(2), 333, 190, 126(2), 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Division No.8, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

2. On 23.01.2025, following order was passed:

“Instant petition is preferred under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.3 dated 05.01.2025 under Sections 115(2), 333, 190, 126(2), 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Division No.8, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that there is a delay of 07 days in registration of FIR (supra) and all the injuries are simple in nature. The



petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case due to ongoing dispute between the petitioner and the complainant. The maximum sentence provided for the offences, under which the FIR (supra) is registered, is upto 07 years and no notice under Section 35 of BNSS [erstwhile Section 41-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.')] has been served upon the petitioner.

Notice of motion for 24.02.2025.

*Keeping in view the ratio of law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and others 2010 SCC OnLine SC 137; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia etc. Vs. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 565, Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State of NCT Delhi 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 833**, the petitioner is directed to appear before Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter, as directed by the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner will be admitted to interim anticipatory bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.).*

If the Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, he would appear before learned Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in the investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion by this Court and learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law."

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurmail Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 23.01.2025 passed by this Court, the



petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel, the order dated 23.01.2025, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 482 (2) BNSS.

5. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion by this Court lest it may prejudice the trial. The learned trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.

February 24, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |