

2025:PHHC:069725



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

215

CRM-M-7728-2025

Date of decision: May 22, 2025

GURMEET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab  
With IO-ASI Satwinder Singh.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.23 dated 17.05.2024 under Sections 32, 33, 63 (c) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Section 379 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Kabirpur (Ahali Kalan), District Kapurthala (Annexure P-1).

2. On 20.02.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under: -

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case for having uprooted 800 plants of Tahli and ten wooden poles (ballian). It has been submitted that even as per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner ran away from the spot empty-handed. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation.”*



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that in compliance of order dated 20.02.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 20.02.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

**May 22, 2025**

*Jaspreet Kaur*

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned* : *Yes/No*

*Whether reportable* : *Yes/No*