



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 15.07.2025

1. CRM-M-20822-2025

SONU BALA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

2. CRM-M-21858-2025

DILBAG SINGH ALIAS DILBAG CHAND

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

**SANJAY VASHISTH. J.(Oral)**

1. This order shall dispose of two petitions i.e. CRM-M-20822-2025 and CRM-M-21858-2025, as the same have emanated out of the same occurrence.

2. In CRM-M-20822-2025, on 23.04.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. *Endorsing the decision of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, and as a mark of respect and to mourn the sudden demise of Shri Bhupinder Singh Rathore, who was one of the oldest member of the Bar Council, the members of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association are observing “No Work Day” today, i.e. 23.04.2025.*

2. *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:-*

<b>Name &amp; age of Petitioner (s)</b>	<b>FIR No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Section(s)</b>	<b>Police Station</b>	<b>District</b>
Sonu Bala, aged about 45 years	30	18.03.2025	121(1), 132, 221 of BNS	Khushi Khera	Fazilka

2. *Court has noticed that FIR has been registered on the statement of Hawaldar Kuldeep, who alleged that at the time of his movement in the Government vehicle in connection with patrolling and checking of suspicious persons, one person who had parked his motorcycle in the middle of the road, was asked to get aside, upon which a little scuffle took place on the spot. Hawaldar was pushed by that person and another police official i.e. Hawaldar Hemant Kumar was taken inside home. It is thereupon, two women arrived there and used abusive language after closing the main door of the house. It is thereafter, the police officials were able to reach back to their vehicle along with some other persons, who had gathered on their side.*

*It is also noticed that at the inception of the incident, petitioner is not even alleged to be present there and therefore, her involvement along with the role in specific, is yet to be ascertained by the prosecuting agency.*

3. *Notice of motion for 15.07.2025.*

4. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*



5. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

6. *It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”*

3. In CRM-M-21858-2025, on 25.04.2025, following order was passed:-

“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:-*

<b>Name &amp; age of Petitioner (s)</b>	<b>FIR No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Section(s)</b>	<b>Police Station</b>	<b>District</b>
Dilbag Singh @ Dilbag Chand, aged about 48 years	30	18.03.2025	121(1), 132, 221 of BNS	Khuhi Khera	Fazilka

2. *Court has noticed that FIR has been registered on the statement of Hawaldar Kuldeep, who alleged that at the time of his movement in the Government vehicle in connection with patrolling and checking of suspicious persons, one person who had parked his motorcycle in the middle of the road, was asked to get aside, upon which a little scuffle took place on the spot. Hawaldar was pushed by that person and another police official i.e. Hawaldar Hemant Kumar was taken inside home. It is thereupon, two women arrived there and used abusive language after closing the main door of the house. It is thereafter, the police officials were able to reach back to their vehicle along with some other persons, who had gathered on their side.*

3. *It is also noticed that at the inception of the incident, petitioner is not even alleged to be present there and therefore, his involvement along with the role in specific, is yet to be ascertained by*



*the prosecuting agency. Even, in the version of FIR, what abusive words were used by the accused persons are not mentioned.*

4. *Counsel for the petitioner also submits that co-accused, namely, Sonu Bala, has already been granted ad-interim bail on 23.04.2025, passed in CRM-M-20822-2025, and is now posted for hearing for 15.07.2025.*

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, puts an appearance on behalf of the respondent/State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

7. *Adjourned to 15.07.2025.*

*To be heard along with CRM-M-20822-2025.*

8. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

5. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

6. *It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”*

4. Though there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner(s), still it has been fairly stated by learned State counsel that both the petitioners have joined the investigation and have fully cooperated and as of now none of the petitioners are required for any custodial purpose.

5. In view of the above, orders dated 23.04.2025 and 25.04.2025 are



hereby made absolute.

6. However, petitioners shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, both the petitions stand disposed of.

15.07.2025  
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

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