

Darshan Singh Vs. State of Punjab
BA No.1780/2025

FIR No.193 dated 2.04.2025,
Under Sections :- 135 of Electricity Act
Police Station :- Anti Power Theft, Ludhiana.

**Application under Section 482 of BNSS for grant
of anticipatory bail.**

Present :- Shri Ankur Gupta, Advocate for the applicant-accused, namely
Darshan Singh,
Shri Sukhdev Singh, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the
State with ASI Jaswinder Singh

Order :

1. Arguments heard. As per the prosecution story, the applicant/accused has allegedly committed the offences under Sections 135 of Electricity Act
2. Vide order dated 14.07.2025, this Court granted interim bail to the accused/applicant with a direction to join the investigation. ASI Jaswinder Singh, No.36/16, Police Station Anti Power Theft, Ludhiana has appeared and made statement that in pursuance of the directions issued by this court, the accused/applicant has joined the investigation. His custodial interrogation is no more required.
3. This Court has heard arguments advanced by learned counsel for the applicant, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the state and has gone through the record carefully. Present FIR was registered on the FIR was registered on the complaint moved by Assistant Executive Engineer, PSPCL North Sub Division, Moga that on 25.03.2025, he checked the meter bearing Account No.3002433658 in the name of Darshan Singh son of Gurbax Singh and upon checking, it was found that Darshan Singh was committing the theft of electricity. Thereafter, vide notice No.121 dated 27.01.2025, accused Darshan Singh was directed to deposit the amount of Rs.33,278/- for committing the theft of electricity.
4. In the present case, the accused/applicant has already deposited

amount to the extent of 50%, which comes to Rs.16,639/- on 11.02.2025. Moreover, a civil suit has already been filed regarding about said amount, which is pending. As per statement of the Investigating Officer, the accused/applicant has joined the investigation. From the aforesaid version, it is observed that the criminal liability of the accused/applicant is a matter of trial. The presentation of challan and conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time. Nothing is to be recovered from the applicant and ASI Jaswinder Singh has suffered stated that the applicant has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. Therefore, the interim order dated 14.07.2025 is made absolute subject to the following conditions :-

1. That the applicant shall join the investigation as and when called by the investigating officer;
2. That the applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
3. That the applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

File be consigned to the Record Room.

Pronounced.
21.07.2025.
(Jagjit Singh Panesar, Stenographer-I)

(Muneesh Arora)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Moga. (**UID No.PB0135**)