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

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Decided on: 11.05.2026

Surinder Singh

.....Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Amitoj Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Aminder Singh, Advocate
for the appellant

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG Punjab

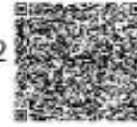
SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Present appeal has been filed by the appellant, against the order dated 29.08.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangrur, whereby application under Section 482 of BNSS filed by the appellant for anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.46 dated 06.05.2025 under Sections 109, 110, 115(2), 117(2), 351(2), 126(2), 324(4), 190, 191, 61(2) of BNS and Section 3(1)(r)/3(2)(a & av) of SC/ST Act, registered at Police Station Khanauri, was dismissed.

2. On 09.02.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that with regard to the incident dated 05.05.2025, complainant Sukhwinder Singh got an FIR registered alleging that his wife, Sandeep Kaur, is presently the Sarpanch of the village, having defeated the wife of Dharamvir Singh in the Sarpanch elections. Owing to the said electoral rivalry, party of Dharamvir Singh had earlier attacked the complainant party, though they were rescued by the police upon reaching the spot. It is further alleged that after about 20–25 days, another*

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attempt was made to attack the complainant party, but they were again saved.

It is alleged that on 05.05.2025 at about 10:00 a.m., complainant along with his co-villager Bhagwant Singh had gone to the village stadium, where saplings had been planted in the Panchayat land outside the stadium wall about 5–6 days earlier, and were watering the same. At that time, the accused persons, namely (i) Parveen Singh, (ii) Charan Singh, (iii) Ram Niwas, (iv) Bikram Singh, (v) Ram Kisan, (vi) Satvir, (vii) Jora Singh, (viii) Binder Singh, (ix) Surinder Singh, (x) Rajpal, (xi) Joginder Singh, (xii) Balkar Singh, (xiii) Gurdev Singh, (xiv) Pritam Singh, (xv) Raja, (xvi) Jagroop Singh, (xvii) Pritam Singh, (xviii) Aman Singh, (xix) Dharamvir, (xx) Randhir, and some other unknown persons, allegedly came armed with sticks, rods, saria, iron girpalia, and gandasia, and surrounded them.

It is alleged that accused-Parveen Kumar inflicted a saria blow on the head of injured Bhagwant Singh, while the other accused persons broke his legs and ankles and also caused injuries on his chest and shoulder. Accused Satvir @ Bir allegedly gave a rod blow to the complainant, and others caused injuries to his left leg and left arm, besides breaking his iPhone 13 Pro. After threatening the complainant, all the accused persons allegedly fled from the spot with their respective weapons.

(iii) Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that petitioner Surinder Singh has not been attributed any specific role in the alleged occurrence, nor it is stated as to which weapon, if any, he was carrying. It is further contended that the alleged incident itself is stated to have arisen out of village politics, as is evident from the FIR.

Learned counsel further submits that FIR does not contain any allegation of use of abusive or caste-based language by any of the accused, so as to attract the provisions of the SC/ST Act, and such offences were added after a delay of 11 days from the date of registration of the FIR. It is argued that the common allegations have been levelled against all the accused persons without any specific attribution, thereby indicating false implication. Thus, counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State.

(vi) Describing the incident in sequence, learned State counsel submits that present incident took place on 05.05.2025, and FIR was registered on 06.05.2025. It is noticed that at the initial stage, no allegations under the SC/ST Act were mentioned in the complaint.



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It is further submitted that injured Sukhwinder Singh regained consciousness after about eleven days, and subsequently, the said allegations were incorporated by recording his statement separately.

(vii) Learned State counsel also refers to the status report dated 03.11.2025 (Annexure P-3), filed by the State in the proceedings of appeal CRA-S-2501-2025, seeking anticipatory bail for co-accused Satvir Singh. However, the same was subsequently withdrawn by the counsel.

(viii) From the status report, learned State counsel points out the nature and extent of injuries suffered by injured-Sukhwinder Singh and Bhagwant Singh, and the accused persons responsible for causing the said injuries. For ease of reference, the same are reproduced below:-

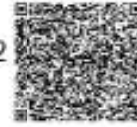
“7. That the detail of injuries on the person of Sukhwinder Singh inflicted by accused and weapons used in the crime and nature of injuries is given by doctor as under:

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name of accused who caused injury(s)</i>	<i>Injury No.</i>	<i>Weapon</i>	<i>Nature of injury</i>
1.	<i>Satvir Singh @ Bir (present petitioner)</i>	<i>Injury No. 1 on parietooccipital area of scalp</i>	<i>Iron rod</i>	<i>Dangerous to life</i>
2.	<i>All accused</i>	<i>Injury No. 2 on forearm</i>	<i>Sticks</i>	<i>Simple in nature</i>
3.	<i>All accused</i>	<i>Injury No. 3 on forearm</i>	<i>Sticks</i>	<i>Simple in nature</i>

The detail of injuries on the person of Bhagwant Singh inflicted by accused and weapons used in the crime and nature of injuries is given by doctor as under:

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name of accused who caused injury(s)</i>	<i>Injury No.</i>	<i>Weapon</i>	<i>Nature of injury</i>
1.	<i>Parveen Kumar</i>	<i>Injury No. 1 on frontal occipital region</i>	<i>Iron saria (rod)</i>	<i>Dangerous to life</i>
2.	<i>Binder Singh</i>	<i>Injury No. 2 on left leg forearm</i>	<i>Sticks</i>	<i>Grievous in nature</i>
3.	<i>Gurdev Singh</i>	<i>Injury No. 3 on right leg</i>	<i>Iron rod</i>	<i>Grievous in nature</i>
4.	<i>Charan Singh</i>	<i>Injury No. 4 on chest</i>	<i>Brick</i>	<i>Simple in nature</i>
5.	<i>Randhir Singh</i>	<i>Injury No. 5 right shoulder</i>	<i>Stick</i>	<i>Simple in nature</i>

(ix) On being asked by the Court, learned State counsel accepts that, as per

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the chart produced by the State in the earlier proceedings in the appeal filed by the co-accused, injuries sustained by Satwinder Singh and Bhagwant Singh—attributed to co-accused Satbir Singh and Parveen Kumar, respectively, have been declared dangerous to life. Learned State counsel further submits that a video recording of the incident in question also exists.

(x) Adjourned to 11.05.2026.

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

(xii) Besides, it is directed that appellant 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.

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

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Palwinder Singh submits that the appellant has joined the investigation on 29.04.2026, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the appellant is not required for the purpose of investigation.

4. Since, appellant has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 09.02.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present appeal is allowed.

5. The appellant 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.

6. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within



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a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

7. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

**YES/~~NO~~
~~YES~~/NO**