

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Criminal Misc(Pet.) No. 353/2026

Sonu Nath S/o Prem Nath Bhati, Aged About 17 Years, Resident
Of Bordiwala Jav, Mata Ka Than, Magra Punjala, Jodhpur.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Pp
2. Pritam Singh Gehlot S/o Braham Singh Gehlot, Aged
About 35 Years, Resident Of Bordiwala Jav, Mata Ka
Than, Jodhpur.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. R.K. Purohit

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Vikram Singh Rajpurohit, PP

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BALJINDER SINGH SANDHU

Order

09/02/2026

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that no prima facie offence is made out against him. It is further submitted that the petitioner is a student and is presently preparing for his 12th Board Examinations. Learned counsel prays for indulgence of this Court, contending that any coercive action at this stage would cause irreparable prejudice to the academic career of the petitioner.

It is also brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner himself is a minor and, therefore, deserves sympathetic consideration, particularly in view of his age and academic commitments.

Per contra, learned Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer and submits that the investigation is at a nascent stage. However, he fairly submits that appropriate directions may be issued by this Court to balance the interests of the investigation and the rights of the petitioner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court is of the considered opinion that, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, a case for grant of interim protection is made out. The academic future of a minor student ought not to be jeopardized at this stage, especially when the Board Examinations are imminent.

Accordingly, in view of the aforesaid submissions, this Court is inclined to interfere in the matter.

In the meanwhile, and till the next date of hearing, it is directed that the petitioner shall not be arrested in connection with FIR No. 05/2026, lodged at Police Station Mata Ka Than, District Jodhpur, provided that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when required and shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency.

It is further directed that the Investigating Officer shall ensure that the petitioner is not called for investigation on the dates of his Board Examinations, which are scheduled to continue till 10.03.2026.



The learned Public Prosecutor is directed to procure a factual report from the Investigating Officer and place the same on record on the next date of hearing.

List the matter on 16.03.2026.

(BALJINDER SINGH SANDHU),J

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