

CRM-M-37490-2025

SIKANDER SINGH
VS
STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Jasdeep Kaur, Advocate
for the complainant.

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.48, dated 09.10.2024, under Section 7-A of P.C Act,1988 as amended by P.C Act (Amendment) Act,2018 and Section 61(2) of B.N.S, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Patiala, District Patiala (Annexure P-1).

The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Gopi Chander and the same has been reproduced below:-

“Statement of Sh. Gopi Chander son of Sh. Ramesh Chander resident of Ward no.12, Khanauri City, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur, aged about 44 years, mobile no.98765-32111. Stated that I am resident of above mentioned address and running hotel/ restaurant in the name of Noor Mahal, near Bus Stand Patran, District Patiala from the last about 3 months. Since this business was new, so, Ajaib Singh son of Sh. Nishabar Singh resident of Suniyara Basti, Ward no.5, Patran, Now Sher Singh Colony, Ward no.1, Kahangarh Road, Opposite Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Parkash Sahib and Sikander Singh son of Sh. Gurjant Singh resident of Village Dugaal, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala said that business of hotel are not running in this way, if you want to run this business then they have direct and good relations with DSP Patran. They said that if you want to do other business by running this hotel then you have to give Rs.25,000/- per month as

bribe, we have come to tell this to you. They have demanded Rs.25,000/- per month from me for running the Hotel and said that nobody will disturb you. I have recorded my conversation with Ajaib Singh and Sikandar Singh above regarding the demand of bribe in my mobile phone. Ajaib Singh and Sikandar Singh above also said that the amount of bribe will be given to DSP Patran through them. I do not want to do any illegal act in my Hotel, so, I do not want to give the amount of bribe of Rs.25,000/-demanded by these persons. So, I do not want to run my business by giving the bribe amount demanded by Ajaib Singh and Sikander Singh above in the name of DSP Patran. So by handing over the currency notes of Rs.25,000/- to you I am requesting that legal action be taken against Ajaib Singh son of Sh. Nishabar Singh resident of Suniyara Basti, Ward no.5, Patran, now Sher Singh Colony, Ward no.1, Kahangarh Road, Opposite Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Parkash Sahib and Sikander Singh son of Sh. Gurjant Singh resident of Village Dugaal, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala above, I am the victim. Statement recorded, read, which is correct (Gopi Chander above). attested by Inspector Ramanpreet Singh, Vigilance Bureau Unit, Patiala, dated; 09.10.2024”.

From a perusal of the FIR, it is apparent that two private persons i.e. Sikander Singh and Ajaib Singh were demanding money from the owner of a hotel for running the hotel in that area. They were pressurizing the owner of the hotel to give a bribe of Rs.25,000/- per month for running the hotel, with an assurance that after giving money, no body will disturb them. Even the complainant had recorded the conversation of Ajaib Singh and Sikander Singh in his mobile phone.

From the record, it is also apparent that the FIR in the present case was registered on 09.10.2024 and apparently, under the pressure of corrupt police officers, the investigation did not progress. More so, during the course of investigation, the attitude of police officials encouraged the accused and he

attacked the complainant and physically assaulted him, which is reflected in the order passed by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala.

. Still further, this Court is shocked to note that the complainant, who had lodged the FIR under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and had recorded conversation of the accused, has now compromised the matter with the accused in the present case, which is apparently done under the pressure of the corrupt police officer. The petitioner in the present case is facing five more criminal cases and he was acting as an agent of local police. So, this matter also highlights the nexus between the police officers and criminals. It is a sorry state of affairs, which was not handled by S.S.P Patiala as well as S.S.P Vigilance Bureau, Patiala.

The Director General of Police, Punjab is directed to depute an IPS Officer of the rank of I.G and may direct him to hold an enquiry within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The report must be filed at the earliest before this Court.

A copy of this order may be sent to DGP, Punjab as well as DGP, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab for information and necessary action. 237

Adjourned to 12.08.2025.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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