



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

S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous (Petition) No. 9910/2026
CNR: RJHC011043692026 | URN: CRLMP / 16708U / 2026

Santosh Bansal W/o Shri Ganesh Raj Bansal, Aged About 50
Years, Resident Of I-273 Civil Lines Hanumangarh Junction
District Hanumangarh

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through The Public Prosecutor.
2. Surendra S/o Shri Bhaglaram, Resident Of Ward No. 49,
Nagina Marg, Hanumangarh Town, District Hanumangarh

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Kunal Upadhyay
For Respondent(s) : Mr. Deepak Choudhary, AAG with
Mr. Surendra Bishnoi, PP

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEET PUROHIT

Order

14/10/2026

1. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioner submits that the FIR in question, bearing No. 645/2026, registered at Police Station Hanumangarh Town, District Hanumangarh, for offences punishable under Sections 381, 409, 193 and 120-B of the IPC, has been lodged out of *mala fides* and is politically motivated.

1.1 It is contended that, in recent times, a series of FIRs have been registered against petitioner, which, according to learned counsel, are vexatious in nature and actuated by political vendetta.

1.2 Learned counsel submits that, prior to registration of present FIR, two other FIRs, namely, FIR Nos. 624/2026 and 625/2026,



were registered against the petitioner at Police Station Hanumangarh Junction, District Hanumangarh, in relation to alleged incidents dating back to the year 2003, after an unexplained delay of about 23 years.

1.3 It is further submitted that aforesaid FIRs have already been quashed by Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 29.09.2026, passed in S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Petition No. 9090/2026 and other connected matter, holding the same to be an abuse of the process of law and having been instituted to harass the petitioner and out of vendetta.

1.4 Learned counsel further submits that, in relation to the present FIR in question, other co-accused have approached this Court by way of S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Petition No. 9749/2026, wherein Coordinate Bench of this Court has already granted interim protection against arrest.

1.5 While referring to the allegations contained in the FIR in question, learned counsel submits that the same pertains to alleged incidents dating back to the years 2006 and 2013, whereas the FIR came to be lodged only in 2026. It is further contended that the allegations are omnibus in nature and no specific role has been attributed to petitioner. The allegations relating to embezzlement and misplacement of official files are stated to be directed against co-accused Malchand and Gangaram, who have already been granted interim protection against arrest.

1.6 It is, therefore, contended that the FIR in question is a consequence of political influence and has been instituted with an ulterior motive, amounting to an abuse of the process of law.



2. *Per contra*, learned Additional Advocate General opposes the petition and submits that various criminal cases are being registered against petitioner which is sufficient to draw a conclusion that petitioner has a criminal background. Further, learned AAG specifically denied that there was any political vendetta or any malicious attempt in registration of the FIR in question.

3. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

4. Having regard to the fact that, within a very short span of time, a number of FIRs have come to be lodged against the petitioner and present FIR is also lodged with unexplained delay in relation to alleged incidents dating back to the years 2003, 2006 and 2013, the contention raised on behalf of the petitioner that present FIR is vexatious and motivated by political vendetta *prima facie* appears to have substance.

5. Matter requires consideration.

6. List the matter after four weeks.

7. In the meantime, petitioner shall not be arrested in connection with FIR No. 645/2026 registered at Police Station Hanumangarh Town, District Hanumangarh.

(SANJEET PUROHIT),J

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