

CRM-M-26274-2026 (O&M) (1)

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
(207) CRM-M-26274-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision : 14.07.2026**

GURPREET SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Ms. Shweta Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.74 dated 28.04.2026 registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, Moga.

2. Vide order dated 11.05.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

3. Learned State counsel filed status report dated 13.07.2026 and on instructions states that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 19.05.2026 and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

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4. In view of the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation and given the nature of allegations, his pre-trial incarceration is not required. As such, without commenting on merits of case, it is observed that a case for release of petitioner on anticipatory bail is made out. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order 11.05.2026 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

14.07.2026
Amit Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No