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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-33088-2026

Manoj Bansal

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Date of Decision: July 15, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Navneet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG Haryana.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.0024 dated
30.07.2025, registered for offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 420,
467, 468, 471 of IPC, 1860 and Sections 13(2), 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) of the
Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, at Police Station ACB Rohtak, District
State Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau, Haryana.

2. On 05.06.2026, the following order was passed:

*"This petition for pre-arrest bail is the first petition filed by the
petitioner under Section 482 of 'the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita,
2023'. It has been filed with regard to a case arising out of FIR No.24
dated 30.07.2025, for the commission of offence punishable under
Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468, 471 of Indian Penal Code and Sections
13(2), 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, Police Station
ACB Rohtak, District State Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau.*

Notice of motion.

Since advance notice has already been served upon the State, Mr. Aman Mittal, DAG, Haryana, has appeared on behalf of respondent-State. Hence, service of notice upon the State is hereby dispensed with.

Heard.

It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that two co-accused have already been accorded the benefit of anticipatory bail.

At this stage, learned State counsel seeks time to file reply.

Adjourned to 15.07.2026.

However, it is hereby ordered that in the event of arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of arresting officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called by the arresting officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

Let status report and detailed reply, if any, be filed by the State by next date.

To be shown in urgent list.”

3. Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of an affidavit dated 14.07.2026, in the Court today, which is taken on record. Raising submissions in tandem with the said reply, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation, in terms of the order dated 05.06.2026, but his custodial interrogation is required keeping in view the gravity of allegations made against him.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein, there being no allegation of misusing the said concession of interim bail; co-accused, namely, Manjeet Singh Balhara has been extended the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 18.02.2026 & the said order having not been challenged till date; another co-accused, namely, Anil Bhatia also having been extended the concession of interim anticipatory bail by the Court below, vide order dated 30.10.2025; and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is being sought for only on the ground of gravity of offence; the interim order dated 05.06.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.
6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

July 15, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No