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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-37094-2024 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 09.08.2024****SONU SINGH****...Petitioner****V/S****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**

Present: Mr. Lalit Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG Punjab.

1. Through the instant petition, petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 0061, dated 07.07.2024 under Sections 74 and 332-C of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 registered at Police Station Khanauri, District Sangrur.

2. On 02.08.2024, following order was passed:

"The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0061, dated 07.07.2024, registered at Police Station Khanauri, District Sangrur, under Sections 74 and 332-C of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the only role attributed to the petitioner is that he remained standing as a Guard outside the room. The allegations against the main accused are only under Section 74 and 332-C of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Having received advance copy of the petition, Ms. Himani Arora, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1-State and seeks time to verify the facts.

Adjourned to 09.08.2024.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within ten days and in the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail, to the satisfaction of the arresting



officer/Area Magistrate, subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds, and also subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) That the petitioner shall further make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.*
- (ii) That the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.*
- (iii) That the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Trial Court/CJM concerned.”*

- 3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurmail Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 02.08.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.
- 4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel the order dated 02.08.2024, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.
- 5. The petition is accordingly allowed.

09.08.2024
Ajay Goswami

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No