



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M No.14 of 2025

Date of decision: 04.02.2025

BIKKAR SINGH**.... Petitioner**

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB**.... Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. Gaurav Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132 dated 11.11.2024, under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation of Development) Act, 1957 and Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Koom Kalan, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

2. Vide order dated 02.01.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 02.01.2025, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“Petitioner Bikkar Singh has filed this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.132 dated 11.11.2024, under Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation of Development) Act, 1957 and Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023,



registered at Police Station Koom Kalan, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that FIR has been registered on the basis of secret information. Present petitioner was not present on the spot. Co-accused Jasvir Singh has been granted interim bail vide order dated 11.12.2024 passed in CRM-M-61992-2024 which is Annexure P-4. Present petitioner is named by co-accused Amarjit Singh who was allegedly apprehended on the spot. Present petitioner is ready to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

On asking of this Court, Mr. Gautam Thapar, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State. He confirmed that recovery of two tippers and one Poclain machine has already been effected. Interim relief granted in favour of Jasvir Singh is not disputed as referred above. Considering the aforesaid factual position, let status report be called for.

Adjourned to 04.02.2025, for filing status report.

In the meantime, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on ad-interim bail subject to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as



envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Status report dated 03.02.2025 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 15.01.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.
5. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 02.01.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

04.02.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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