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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 17.03.2025

Amreek Singh @ Amrik Singh
Versus
State of Punjab

.....Petitioner

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Amreek Singh @ Amrik Singh	83	30.08.2022	61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914	Bhadson	Patiala

2. On 16.01.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, for grant of anticipatory bail, in case bearing FIR No.83, dated 30.08.2022, under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Bhadson, Distric Patiala.



2. Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner, who is aged 54 years, has never been found involved in any other case under the Excise Act. During raid in the house of the petitioner, liquid material like jaggery was found in the drum, which is also used for curing the cattle because at that time, the cattle were suffering from the lump skin disease. However, any material collected by the police has now been converted into the case of Excise Act alleging the recovery of 'lahan'.

3. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that in other cases also, petitioner has been released on bail by the Court.

4. Further submits that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, puts an appearance on behalf of the respondent/State.

7. List again on 17.03.2025, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter.

8. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

9. Besides, petitioner would submit/surrender his passport before the Arresting Officer and an undertaking on oath that in case of leaving the country, he would seek prior permission from the Investigating Agency/concerned Court.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 16.01.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated.

4. Learned State counsel confirms the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required now for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and since custodial interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and ad-interim order dated 16.01.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 17, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**