



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

206**CRM-M-3556-2025****Date of decision: 21st February, 2025**

Bawa Singh

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Keshav Chadha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

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.318 dated 17.12.2024 registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Vide order dated 22.01.2025 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 20.02.2025. The same is taken on record. He further, on instructions states that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 28.01.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. In the given nature of allegations, no pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is required. As such, without commenting on merits of case, it is observed that a case for release of petitioner on bail is made out. Accordingly,



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the petition is allowed and the order dated 22.01.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of the 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

21st February, 2025
Parveen Sharma

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |