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

CRM-M-5556-2025

Date of decision: 28.02.2025

Gurpreet Singh @ Guri

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Rajesh Duhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Himanshu Garg, Advocate
for the complainant.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.170 dated 23.12.2024 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 304/308(3)/351(2)/127(7)/119(1) of BNS registered at Police Station City Samana, District Patiala.

On 30.01.2025, the following order was passed:-

'Instant petition is preferred under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.170 dated 23.12.2024 under Sections 304, 308(3), 351(2), 127(7), 119(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station City Samana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR (supra) and he has been nominated as accused on the basis of supplementary statement made by the complainant on 31.12.2024. There is a delay of 26 days in registration of FIR (supra). The allegation against the petitioner is that on the asking of the complainant, one of his friend namely Gaurav Garg transferred Rs.20,000/- in his account through Google Pay. The petitioner is having clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and Mr.



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Himanshu Garg, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the complainant and files Memorandum of Appearance in the Court today, which is taken on record.

Learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that there are specific allegations against him.

Adjourned to 28.02.2025.

*Keeping in view the ratio of law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and others 2010 SCC OnLine SC 137; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia etc. Vs. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 565, Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State of NCT Delhi 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 833**, the petitioner is directed to appear before Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter, as directed by the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner will be admitted to interim anticipatory bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973).*

If the Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, he would appear before learned Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in the investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion by this Court and learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.'

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Kuldeep Singh, at the very outset informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 30.01.2025 is hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

The petition stands disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

28.02.2025

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