



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9477-2025

Date of decision: May 21, 2025

GURMEJ SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Dhawaljeet, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab with
ASI Malkit Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.71 dated 23.12.2024, under Sections 132, 221, 190 of BNS, 2023 and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Purana Shalla, District Gurdaspur (Annexure P-1).

2. On 19.02.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under: -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents; the only allegation against the petitioner is of having assisted the co-accused, Manga Singh, to flee away from the spot. Said Manga Singh was apprehended by the police with illicit liquor.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 19.02.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel has filed the status report by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Dina Nagar, District Gurdaspur on behalf of the respondent-State in the Court today, which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions. He, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 19.02.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

May 21, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*