



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

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CRM-M-8869-2025

Date of decision: 22.07.2025

Ankit Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Kashish Sahni, Advocate and
Mr. Arnav Ghai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Deol, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') in case FIR No.01 dated 03.01.2025 under Sections 7, 7-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau FS-1, District SAS Nagar Mohali.

2. On 27.03.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned State counsel, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned State counsel, on instructions, has not disputed the submissions made by the counsel opposite on the last date of hearing that there was no documentary evidence much less in the shape of audio recordings wherein the petitioner could be heard making the alleged



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demand of illegal gratification, however, learned State counsel submits that the alleged demand of bribe had been made at the behest of the petitioner. Further, it has been submitted by the learned State counsel that there were some WhatsApp chats between the prime accused Sukhpreet Singh, who had received the bribe money, and the petitioner; the tone and tenor of those WhatsApp exchanges prima facie corroborated the alleged demand of illegal gratification.”

3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 27.03.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, 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 27.03.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

22.07.2025

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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