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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9036-2025

Date of decision: 18.03.2025

Shubham Vig

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in
case bearing FIR No.157 dated 09.07.2023 under Sections
177/199/200/419/420/465/467/468/471/120-B of IPC registered at Police
Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

On 17.02.2025, the following order was passed:-

*'The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of
Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail
to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.157 dated 09.07.2023 under
Sections 177/199/200/419/420/465/467/468/471/120-B of IPC
registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana
(Annexure P-1).*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that as
per the case set up by the prosecution, Manoj Kumar son of Kamal
Singh, stood as surety and all the documents have been produced by
Manoj Kumar and the petitioner has only identified the surety i.e.
Manoj Kumar. As such, there is nothing on record to suggest that the
petitioner can be held liable for the offences under which the FIR
(supra) was registered. The petitioner has neither forged nor
produced fake documents.*

Notice of motion.

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

*In the meantime, keeping in view the 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*



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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, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today and on his doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482 (2) of BNSS (earlier Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.).

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

Adjourned to 18.03.2025.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.'

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Navkiranjit 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 17.02.2025 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

18.03.2025

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