



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10306-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.03.2025

BALWINDER SINGH
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.
VERSUS
....Petitioner
....Respondent

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Mohd Jamel, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
14	30.01.2025	Amargarh, District Malerkotla	420, 120-B of IPC

2. Vide order dated 21.02.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was ordered to be released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer - ASI Sukhwinder Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 07.03.2025. His further custodial interrogation is not required. However, it is further submitted by her that since the petitioner is a habitual offender and six other cases of similar nature are pending against him, therefore, he does not deserve to be given benefit of pre-arrest bail.

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4. In the considered opinion of this Court in the given circumstances, the pretrial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. As such, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 21.02.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

5. It is also made clear that any observation made herein shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

17.03.2025
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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| 1. | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. | <i>Whether reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |