



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

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**CRM-M No.10270 of 2025
Date of decision : 26.3.2025**

Ranjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate, for the petitioner

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.11 dated 01.2.2025, under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station Verowal, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 24.2.2025, the following order was passed:

'Contends, inter alia, that recovery of alleged 'Lahan' has already been effected by the police and there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State; seek time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

Posted for 26.3.2025.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.'



3. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Biker Singh) submits that pursuant to the order dated 24.2.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
4. Keeping in view the entirety of the facts and circumstances of the case, especially the State is not requiring the custodial interrogation of the petitioner, the interim order dated 24.2.2025, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

26.3.2025

Ashwani

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No