

2025:PHHC:070361



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

CRM-M-11090-2025

Date of decision: 23.05.2025

Vijaypal alias Gugga

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Nidhi Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab, with ASI Om Parkash.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail, under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, in FIR No.9, dated 12.01.2025, under Sections 13, 3 of Punjab Gambling Act, and Section 112 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Haibowal Kalan, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. On 28.02.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner was not named in the secret information received by the police; he came to be nominated as an accused subsequently on a disclosure statement allegedly suffered by two co-accused qua whom a secret information had been received. Learned counsel submits that the only allegation

levelled against the petitioner even in the disclosure statement is to the effect that the petitioner was also indulging in gambling with the co-accused. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner had been granted the concession of interim bail by the learned Trial Court, however, since he was indisposed, he was unable to join investigation leading to the dismissal of his anticipatory bail before the learned Trial Court.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 28.02.2025, 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 28.02.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 23, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No