

2025:PHHC:072205



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11986-2025

Date of decision: May 27, 2025

HARPREET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
with ASI Balwinder Kumar.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.145 dated 16.09.2021 under Sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar, District Police Commissionerate.

2. Learned State counsel has, on instructions, vehemently opposed the payer made for extending the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner as there are serious and direct allegations against the petitioner; despite the undertaking given before this Court on the previous date of hearing, which is as follows:

“In view of the undertaking given in this Court, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his



furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS/438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. The petitioner has neither adhered to the undertaking given before this Court nor has he joined investigation.

4. Learned State counsel submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner would be necessitated in the present case.

5. In the circumstances, no ground is made out to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the instant petition stands dismissed.

7. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

May 27, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*