

CRM-M-12393-2025
Date of decision: 04.04.2025

....Petitioner

Versus

....Respondent

Present:- Mr. Mohit Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.
(Through V.C.)

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG Punjab.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
87	09.10.2024	61 of the Punjab Excise Act	Lakho-ke-Behram, District Ferozepur

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 20.03.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

3. During the course of hearing on 20.03.2025, following order had been passed: -

“ Reply dated 19.03.2025 in the form of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.



2. *After hearing the submissions, it transpires that as per allegations, 25 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered. On the basis of secret information, a raid was conducted at the house of the petitioner where the petitioner was not found, allegedly ran away.*

3. *The learned counsel for the petitioner has assailed this version by stating that it is humanely not possible to run away in the presence of armed police personnel in case they actually raided the house. The petitioner although has 02 more FIRs registered against him but he has already been acquitted therein.*

4. *Be it the case, without commenting on the merits, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.*

7. *List on 04.04.2025.*

8. *Investigating Officer of the case to remain present in Court along with record on that date.”*

4. Learned State counsel on instructions received from H.C. Harbans Singh informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 20.03.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 20.03.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by

way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.
7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |