

CRM-M-12444-20251

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

213CRM-M-12444-2025

Decided on: 06.05.2025

Manpreet Singh @ Manna.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Manvinder Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh Pannu, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Manpreet Singh @ Manna	0041	21.02.2025	21(b) NDPS Act	Kalanwali	Dabwali, Sirsa

2. On 06.03.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name and age of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Manpreet	0041	21.02.2025	21(b) of	Kalanwali,	Police

Singh @ Manna			NDPS Act		District Dabwali District Sirsa
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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that there is recovery of 6.14 gms of Heroin from the possession of co-accused namely;Charanjit Singh @ Manga and on the basis of his disclosure statement, name of present petitioner is surfaced. Counsel further submits that in the same police station i.e. Kalanwali, Police District Dabwali, District Sirsa, two other cases were registered against the petitioner under the provisions of NDPS Act, therefore, knowing well to the petitioner, the petitioner is involved in the present case also. Counsel also submits that name of father of petitioner is Ravinder Singh and not Harvinder Singh as is mentioned in the FIR/Disclosure statement.*
3. *Counsel further contends that apart the disclosure statement no other evidence/material is available with the prosecution to connect the petitioner with main accused. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*
4. *Notice of motion.*
5. *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. Learned State counsel pointed out that infact there are six other cases against the petitioner including under Section 302 IPC apart two cases under the provisions of NDPS Act. Learned State counsel seeks some time to respond to the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the petitioner and to file status report.*
6. *Adjourned to 02.04.2025.*
7. *In the meanwhile, arrest of petitioner shall remain stayed.”*

3. Learned State counsel submits that petitioner is involved in five other criminal cases and refers to paragraph No.8 of the status report, which reads as under:

- “(1). FIR No.27 dated 30.01.2017, under section 25/54/59 Arms Act, PS Kalanwali, in which he was acquitted on 02.04.2022.
- (2) FIR No.296 dated 04.10.2022, under section 25/54/59 Arms Act, PS Kalanwali, in which the case is pending in the Ld. trial court for 05.08.2025 for prosecution evidence.
- (3) FIR No.329 dated 10.11.2022, under section 302/34 IPC, PS Kalanwali, in which the case is



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pending in the Ld. trial court for 11.08.2025 for prosecution evidence.

(4) FIR No.277 dated 27.08.2024, under section 21b/61/85 NDPS

Act, PS Kalanwali, in which the case is pending in the Ld. trial court for 02.07.2025 for appearance.

(5) FIR No.377 dated 04.11.2024, under section 21b/61/85 NDPS

Act, PS Kalanwali, in which the case is pending in the Ld. trial court for 13.05.2025 for appearance.”

4. On being asked by this Court, counsel for the petitioner informs that in the two other cases mentioned at Serial Nos. 4 and 5, in paragraph No.8 of reply, the petitioner has been implicated solely on the basis of disclosure statements made by co-accused. Till date, the police have not recovered any contraband from the possession of the petitioner.

Counsel further states that the case mentioned at Serial No. 3, registered under Section 302 IPC (FIR No. 329), pertains to the death of the petitioner's wife, which arose out of a matrimonial dispute between them.

It is also submitted that, as the petitioner is known to the local police of Police Station Kalanwali, he has been implicated in more than one occasion in the aforementioned criminal cases.

5. Learned State counsel also informs that, apart from the disclosure statement of the main accused, namely Charanjit Singh @ Manga, there is no other connecting evidence against the petitioner at this stage. Furthermore, the learned State counsel was unable to mention any mobile number that was used in common by the arrested accused and the petitioner.

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6. In view of the aforementioned submissions made by the respective counsel and as recorded by this Court, this Court is of the considered opinion that the personal liberty of the petitioner cannot be curtailed solely on the basis of the disclosure statement of the arrested co-accused. The alleged involvement of the petitioner is yet to be proved by the prosecution. Therefore, present petition is allowed and interim order dated 06.03.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

It is further made clear that if in future petitioner is found indulged in similar kind of activities, prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in the present case.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 06, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**