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“3. After hearing the respective submissions, it transpires that as per the version of the petitioner, the petitioner had entered into an agreement dated 13.05.2023 (Annexure P-3) with the complainant and on account of that amount of Rs.5 lakh has been deposited in his account by the complainant on 30.05.2023. Admittedly, except for the amount of Rs.5 lakhs, no other amount has been transferred by the complainant in the account of the petitioner.

4. Be it the case, without commenting on the merits of the case at this stage, it is deemed appropriate that the petitioner should join the investigation first before deciding the petition on merits.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is hereby directed to join 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.

6. Investigating Officer of the case to remain present along with record on the next date of hearing.

7. List on 20.05.2025. ”

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 05.05.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 05.05.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. 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



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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.

20.05.2025
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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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