



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14693-2025
Decided on: 14.05.2025

Gurjeet Singh

Versus

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Neha Randhawa, Advocate for
Mr. Rhythem Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

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
Gurjeet Singh aged about 54 years	19	01.03.2025	61/1 The Punjab Excise Act, 1914	Bahawala	Fazilka

2. On 18.03.2025, 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:-

<i>Name & age of Petitioner (s)</i>	<i>FIR No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Section(s)</i>	<i>Police Station</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>Gurjeet Singh, aged about</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>01.03.2025</i>	<i>61/1 of The Punjab Excise Act,</i>	<i>Bahawal a</i>	<i>Fazilka</i>



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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that:-*

(i) *Allegation against the petitioner is that 120 litres of lahan has been recovered from his house.*

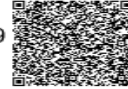
(ii) *Apart from the present case, the petitioner has never been involved in any illegal activity, nor any criminal case has been registered against him in the past.*

(iii) *Due to the political rivalry in the Dhani/village, present case has been planted against the petitioner.*

(iv) *False recovery has been shown from the house of the petitioner. Moreover, custodial interrogation would not serve any useful purpose, as the recovery has already been made.*

(v) *Conscious possession of the petitioner is yet to be established by the prosecution.-*

Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.
4. *Notice of motion.*
5. *On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report.*
6. *Adjourned to 14.05.2025.*
7. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*
8. *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.”
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 18.03.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated, thus, prays for confirmation of the interim bail order.
4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Tejinder Pal Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Abohar (Rural), District Fazilka, in Court today. Same is taken on record.

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Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper book.

Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required now for the purpose of investigation. Accordingly, learned State counsel prays for disposal of the present petition.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, the petitioner has joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required, interim order dated 18.03.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Present petition is thus allowed.

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.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 14, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: ~~YES/NO~~
Whether Reportable: ~~YES/NO~~