



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15838-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.04.2025

SONU KUMAR @ SONU
STATE OF PUNJAB

VERSUS

....Petitioner
....Respondent

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Gaurav Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
188	23.12.2024	Macchiwara, District Khanna, District Ludhiana	115(2), 118(1), 333, 191(3) and 190 of BNS, 2023

2. Vide order dated 21.03.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioners were ordered to be released on interim bail and were directed to join investigation.
3. Vakalatnama has been filed on behalf of the complainant. The same is taken on record and be tagged at the appropriate place.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating officer has filed status report. The same is taken on record and be tagged at



the appropriate place. Further submits that the petitioners have joined the investigation on 08.04.2025. Learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioners have joined investigation, however, their custodial interrogation is required for the purpose of effecting recovery of weapon of offence. So far as, non recovery is concerned, that cannot be considered as ground for denial of bail to the petitioner. In the considered opinion of this Court, the pretrial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 21.03.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

5. It is also made clear that any observation made herein shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

30.04.2025

Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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| 1. | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. | <i>Whether reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |