



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M No.18383 of 2025
Date of decision: 22.05.2025**

SIMRANJEET SINGH**.... Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****.... Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 24, dated 11.03.2025, under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
2. Vide order dated 04.04.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Status report filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that that the petitioner has joined investigation on 11.04.2025 but his custodial interrogation is required for conducting thorough and proper investigation of the case.
5. Keeping in view the fact that the recovery already stands effected from the spot and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 04.04.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

**(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE**

22.05.2025 / Jyoti-IV

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No