



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

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CRM-M-18413-2025

Date of decision: 25.08.2025

Savtantar Rai Bhandari

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present : Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J.(ORAL)

1. By virtue of the present petition under Section 482 BNSS, petitioner, who is co-accused in case bearing FIR No.32 dated 07.03.2025 registered under Section 111 BNS and Section 21(a) of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on), at Police Station Dinanagar, Gurdaspur has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. On 03.04.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

“Contends, inter alia, that petitioner has been nominated on the basis of disclosure made by main accused, namely, Diksha from whom 5 grams of heroin (small quantity) was recovered.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file response in the matter.

Posted for 20.05.2025.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

3. Pursuant thereto, the status report by way of affidavit of Rajinder Singh Manhas, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur has been placed on record. In para 9 thereof, it has been specifically mentioned that petitioner has joined the investigation on 06.05.2025. In para 11, details of the case property recovered in the present case, has also been mentioned.



4. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, he was nominated only on the basis of disclosure statement of accused Diksha, who was caught red-handed at the site along with 5 grams of *heroin* (small quantity). The said disclosure statement is not admissible in evidence. Nonetheless, the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel further submits that the main accused has since been granted the concession of bail by the Additional Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur vide order dated 30.04.2025. In view of the above, it was prayed that interim anticipatory bail granted to Petitioner be confirmed.

5. Learned State counsel has also intimated that the petitioner has joined investigation and is no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor he is required for further investigation.

6. Heard.

7. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 03.04.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. 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 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.

8. The petition stands allowed.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

25.08.2025

Hemant

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