



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

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Date of decision: 09.09.2025

1. CRM-M-21965-2025

RAVINDER ADIA

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

2. CRM-M-22800-2025

BHAWANI SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. M.S. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-21965-2025.

Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-22800-2025.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH. J.(Oral)

1. This order shall dispose of two petitions i.e. CRM-M-21965-2025 and CRM-M-22800-2025, as the same have emanated out of the same occurrence.

2. Prayer in these petitions, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-



Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Bhawani Singh, aged about 29 years	62	28.03.2025	21(c) of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on)	Model Town	Hoshiarpur
Ravinder Adia, aged 27 years	0062	28.03.2025	21/61/85 of NDPS Act	Model Town	Hoshiarpur

2. In CRM-M-21965-2025, on 25.04.2025, 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:-*

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Ravinder Adia, aged 27 years	0062	28.03.2025	21/61/85 of NDPS Act	Model Town	Hoshiarpur

2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that name of the petitioner has been involved in the case on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused, namely, Arjan Sharma, from whom recovery of 270 grams of heroin has been effected.*

Further submits that neither any recovery has been effected from the petitioner, nor his name is mentioned in the FIR. The petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other similar activity.

3. *Counsel for the petitioner also submits that similarly*



situated co-accused, namely, Ashutosh Sharma, whose name emerged in the disclosure statement, has already been released on regular bail. However, the petitioner undertakes that if he is protected from arrest, he would fully cooperate with the investigating agency. 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, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent– State and submits that, in fact, the petitioner was involved in collecting money from the recipients of heroin at the behest of the accused persons who are residing abroad.

6. Adjourned to 02.07.2025, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter, explaining therein the role of the petitioner in the case.

7. Till the next date of hearing, petitioner shall not be arrested. However, issue of joining of investigation of the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing, after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.

4. In CRM-M-22800-2025, on 30.04.2025, 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:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Bhawani Singh, aged about 29 years	62	28.03.2025	21(c) of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added	Model Town	Hoshiarpur



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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that name of the petitioner has been involved in the case on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused, namely, Arjan Sharma, from whom recovery of 270 grams of heroin has been effected.*

Further submits that neither any recovery has been effected from the petitioner, nor his name is mentioned in the FIR. The petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other similar activity.

3. *Counsel for the petitioner also submits that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Ashutosh Sharma, whose name emerged in the disclosure statement, has already been released on regular bail.*

4. *He also submits that another co-accused, namely Ravinder Adia, against whom similar allegations have been levelled, has filed CRM-M-21965-2025, and in the said petition, arrest of the petitioner has already been stayed, vide order dated 25.04.2025, and is posted for hearing for 02.07.2025.*

Further submits that the petitioner undertakes that if he is protected from arrest, he would fully cooperate with the investigating agency. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *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 in the matter.*

7. *Adjourned to 02.07.2025, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter, explaining therein the role of the petitioner in the case.*

To be heard along with CRM-M-21965-2025.

8. *Till the next date of hearing, petitioner shall not be arrested. However, issue of joining of investigation of the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing, after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.*

5. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners



contends that in compliance of the orders dated 25.04.2025 and 30.04.2025, passed by this Court, petitioners have joined the investigation, and have fully co-operated. Therefore, they pray for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail orders.

6. Learned State counsel on instructions from the official respondent confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioners of joining the investigation on 21.07.2025 by the petitioners, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners are not required for the purpose of investigation.

7. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

8. Since, petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail orders dated 25.04.2025 and 30.04.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petitions are allowed.

However, petitioners 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.

9. Accordingly, both the petitions stand disposed of.

10. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the connected case.

09.09.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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