



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

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**CRM-M No.22695 of 2025
Date of decision: 27.05.2025**

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

Present : Mr. Ashok Kumar, Advocate for Mr. Ravi Malhotra, 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 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No46, dated 02.04.2025, registered under Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar.
2. Vide order dated 30.04.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Status report dated 17.05.2025 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 05.05.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.
5. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 30.04.2025, 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**

27.05.2025**Jyoti-IV**

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