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

**CRM-M-26434-2025**

**Date of Decision: 24.09.2025**

Rajinder Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY**

**Present:** Mr. B.B.S. Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**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.19 dated 07.02.2025 registered under Sections 420/120B of IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, at Police Station Tibba, District Ludhiana, has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. On 15.05.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

*“This is a petition for anticipatory bail under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 in case bearing FIR No.19 dated 07.02.2025 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 24 of Immigration Act registered at Police Station Tibba, District Ludhiana.*

*Mr. Gurpreet Singh Thind, Advocate has put in appearance and has filed vakalatnama on behalf of complainant which is taken on record.*

*The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with his co-accused had accepted money for sending the complainant-Akshay abroad and while the complainant was at Delhi Airport,*

*some persons came along with the papers to his house to collect the money and after collecting the money, out of the said persons, one Dharamvir co-accused fled from the spot. The petitioner and the co-accused have already compromised the matter with the complainant and in lieu of the compromise, Rs.5 lakhs were paid by the petitioner to the complainant.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that he is willing and ready to join the investigation.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file reply.*

*May do so positively before the next date of hearing with a copy in advance to the learned counsel opposite.*

*Adjourned to 31.07.2025.*

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer as and when called upon to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-*

- i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
- ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;*
- iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”*

3. Pursuant thereto, reply in the shape of affidavit of Mr Sumit Sood, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Ludhiana, has already been placed on record. In para 15 thereof, it has been specifically mentioned that petitioner has joined the investigation on 12.06.2025.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance to the order dated 15.05.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such interim bail granted to the petitioner may 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 15.05.2025 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.

**24.09.2025**

*Parveen kumar*

**(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)**  
**JUDGE**

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