



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

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CRM-M-29149-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.09.2025

Anurag Mehta

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. N.S. Mahal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.110 dated 04.10.2023 under Sections 406, 201, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 409 IPC and 13(1)A, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 added later on), registered at Police Station Division No.1, Jalandhar, Punjab.

2. On 03.07.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The instant petition is the second petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.110 dated 04.10.2023 under Sections 406, 201, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (and Sections 409 IPC and 13(1)A, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 added later on), registered at Police Station Division No.1, Jalandhar, Punjab.

Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (North), Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar on behalf of the respondent-State in the Court today, which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions and perused. A copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel opposite, who prays for an adjournment to go through the same and thereafter make his submissions.

Adjourned to 08.09.2025.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency, as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, he

shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency as also submits that the challan stands presented in this case. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 03.07.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

08.09.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No