



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

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CRM-M-30397-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.09.2025

Laiq Ahmad

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. H.S. Maan, 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.09 dated 20.03.2024 under Section 7 of the PC Act, 1988 as amended by PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 and later on after a gap of more than one year vide DDR dated 28.04.2025, (Sections 380, 381, 465, 466, 467 and 120-B of the IPC were added) registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Bathinda Range, District Bathinda.

2. On 28.05.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.09 dated 20.03.2024 under Section 7 of the PC Act, 1988 as amended by PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 (Sections 380, 381, 465, 466, 467 and 120-B of the IPC added lateron) registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Bathinda Range, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits contends that the earlier the petitioner had been granted regular bail in the FIR under the PC Act, vide order dated 24.04.2024, however, subsequently there has been addition of Sections 380, 381, 465, 466, 467 and 120-B of the IPC vide DDR dated 28.04.2025 and the petitioner has a genuine apprehension that he would be arrested.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Deol, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to get necessary instructions.

Adjourned to 09.09.2025.

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 482(2) of the BNSS.”

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 and submits that the challan has been presented on 27.07.2025. 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 28.05.2025 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

09.09.2025

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