

2025:PHHC:078412



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

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CRM-M-32242-2025

Date of decision: July 03, 2025

SODHI SINGH @ SODHI SINGH PATWARI RETD.

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Bipan Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate
Mr. Bhupinder Ghai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
with Inspector Preeti.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.22 dated 07.05.2025 under Sections 13(1)B read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Jalandhar.

2. On 12.06.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under: -

“Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has since retired and is no position to influence the investigation, the FIR in question primarily pertains to allegations of disproportionate asset & the petitioner is willing to join the investigation and cooperate therein.”



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that in compliance of order dated 12.06.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Status report by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Unit Kapurthala on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed in the Court today, which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for his custodial interrogation.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 12.06.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

July 03, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*