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

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Date of decision: August 04, 2025

Sandeep Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**Present:** Mr. Raghav Chadha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.34 dated 21.05.2025, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Jhander, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Status report by way of an affidavit dated 03.08.2025 of Gurwinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Ajnala, Amritsar (Rural) has been filed by the learned State counsel, in the Court today, and the same is taken on record.

3. On 03.07.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.34 dated 21.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals Act, 2014 at Police Station Jhander, District Amritsar (Rural); the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.



Inter alia contends that the petitioner and the FIR-complainant are relatives and the FIR in question has been falsely registered on account of discord arising out of such relation; the petitioner is stated to have introduced the victims to one Teerath Singh, who stands exonerated by the police & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Mr. Gursimran Singh Bhatia, Advocate appears and files memorandum of appearance on behalf of the complainant. The same is taken on record.

Adjourned to 28.07.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 07.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions from Inspector Kamaldeep Kaur) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 03.07.2025, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, but his custodial interrogation is required to effect recovery of money allegedly defrauded by the petitioner.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record, especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of money allegedly defrauded by him, the interim order dated 04.07.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition



stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

- 8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
- 9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

August 04, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No