

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40016-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 03.11.2025

Sonu Singh alias Sony Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Kumar Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

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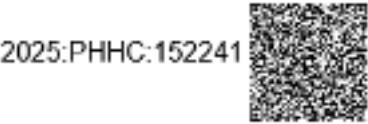
**SANJAY VASHISTH, J.**

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

| Name of<br>Petitioner<br>(s)                    | FIR<br>No. | Date       | Section(s)                 | Police<br>Station | District      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sonu Singh<br>@ Sony<br>Singh, aged<br>38 years | 55         | 22.05.2024 | 61 of Punjab<br>Excise Act | Bikhiwind         | Tarn<br>Taran |

2. On 28.07.2025, this Court passed the following order :-

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the case of prosecution, a raid was conducted by eight police officials at the petitioner’s residence, during which 540 liters of lahan was allegedly recovered from the premises. 3. Further submits that prosecution’s version appears to be inherently improbable. It is argued that it is unlikely that in the presence of eight police officials, who had arrived at the location in a vehicle, petitioner alone could have managed to jump over the boundary wall and escape. Moreover, recovery for which the petitioner is charged, has already been effected by the police, and it remains to be established by the prosecution whether or not the premises were under the control and management of the petitioner. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join investigation and to fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and submits that petitioner is involved in one more case registered under the Excise Act.

6. Adjourned to 03.11.2025.

7. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the

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*petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

*It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”*

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 28.07.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh, confirms the said averment made by learned counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 25.10.2025, by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 28.07.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly,

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present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. **Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.**

03.11.2025

*Satyawan*

(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No*  
*Whether Reportable: Yes/No*