

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

2025:PHHC:138322



(210)

**CRM-M-40661-2025  
Decided on : 29.09.2025**

Virendra Joshi

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. Nitin Bhanwala, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Deepak Kumar Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. B.S. Mamli, Advocate for the complainant.

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**Sumeet Goel (Oral):**

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.45 dated 09.02.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 406 and 420 of IPC at Police Station Pehowa, District Kurukshetra; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 30.07.2025, the following order was passed:

*“Petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.45 dated 09.02.2025 registered under Sections 120-B/406/420 IPC at Police Station Pehowa, Kurukshetra.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on an order 25.07.2025 (Annexure P-3) passed by Hon’ble the Supreme Court, whereby the concession of interim anticipatory bail has been granted to co accused Palvinder Pal Singh Narli.*

*Notice of motion.*

*On the asking of Court, Mr. Rajinder Kumar Banku, Sr. DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, while Mr. B.S. Mamli, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant.*

*List on 29.09.2025.*

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of arresting/investigating officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C./482 (2) of BNSS, 2023."*

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Diler Singh) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but his further custodial interrogation is required for effecting the recovery of money in question i.e. Rs.1,80,000/-.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence he ought not to be granted concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that and in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may flee from the process of justice as also intimidate/influence the witnesses.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of money in question; this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 30.07.2025.

6. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 30.07.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made

absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

7. 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.

8. 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 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

**September 29, 2025**

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**(SUMEET GOEL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No