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

CRM-M-40744-2025

Date of decision: August 26, 2025

Harinder Pal Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

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

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

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.209 dated 31.10.2021, under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Phase-I, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab.

2. On 31.07.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.209 dated 31.10.2021 registered for offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Phase-I, District SAS Nagar (Mohali); the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the complainant had not attributed any culpability to the present petitioner in the version given by him at the first instance, later on the version was improved/changed and the petitioner was sought to be implicated, the FIR in question has backdrop of a dispute where the complainant was not satisfied on account of goods/services provided to him & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Gurpartap S. Bhullar, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 26.08.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 07.08.2025 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.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that pursuant to the order dated 31.07.2025, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record and in view of the stance of the State, the interim order dated 31.07.2025 is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

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 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 26, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No