



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

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CRM-M-41555-2025

Date of Decision: 31.10.2025

JAGDISH RAJ

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab for respondent No.1

Dr. Anju Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.2-UOI.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.331 dated 27.05.2025, registered under Section 160(2) Railway Act, 1989, at Police Station RPF Pathankot, District Pathankot.

2. Status report has been filed by learned State counsel and a copy thereof has been furnished to counsel opposite.

3. Vide order dated 01.08.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that the petitioner has joined investigation on 05.08.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

5. Keeping in view the nature of the allegations, pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is also not required. As such, a case is made out for allowing the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 01.08.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (analogous to Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure).

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

October 31, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No