



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-43365-2025
Date of Decision : 30.10.2025

ANKIT

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Ajay Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Singh, AAG, Haryana.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, a co-accused in case bearing FIR No.300 dated 28.05.2025 registered against him at Police Station Industrial Sector 29, Panipat, District Panipat, u/s 61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record a copy of order dated 06.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Crl.) No.15193 of 2025, wherein case FIR No.175 of 2025, following order was passed:-

- “1. Issue notice, returnable for six weeks.
2. In the meantime, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner subject to petitioner cooperating with the investigation.
3. During the period of operation of this order, if any further FIR is registered against the petitioner for the same offence, this order shall automatically stand vacated without further reference to this Court.”



3. On 11.08.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

“By virtue of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking relief of pre arrest bail in a case bearing FIR No.0300 dated 28.05.2025 under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020), at Police Station Industrial Sector 29, Panipat, District Panipat.

2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, only on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Sumit, who was also not arrested at the spot. Moreover, co-accused Sumit has been granted concession of pre-arrest bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge vide order dated 13.06.2025 (Annexure P-3).*

3. *Notice of motion.*

4. *Ms. Shweta Nahata, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of State of Haryana and seeks time to file status report/reply.*

5. *Adjourned to 29.09.2025.*

6. *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 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.).”*

3. Learned State counsel, on the instructions of ASI Sandeep Kumar, submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for further investigations. It has also been intimated that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 11.08.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is

directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

- 5. The petition stands allowed.
- 6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

30.10.2025
Nisha Yadav

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No