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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46557-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.08.2025

SATNAM SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Dhawaljeet Dutta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH. J.(Oral)

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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Satnam Singh, aged about 44 years	103	04.09.2023	379 and 411 IPC	Khilchian	Amritsar

2. On 25.08.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. *As per the information recorded in the FIR, Satnam Singh @ Gora is allegedly involved in the sale of stolen copper wire from transformers. It is stated that the stolen copper wires were being transported in a three-wheeler, bearing registration No. PB 46M 3880, which is being taken to Juhajgarh, Amritsar, from the direction of Beas. Upon interception by the police, Satnam Singh @ Gora stopped the vehicle and disclosed his identity. A search of the back side of the said three-wheeler led to the recovery of two weighing bags, containing approximately 55 kilograms of stolen copper wire.*
3. *To clarify the identity of the petitioner, learned counsel submits that the person apprehended on the spot with the stolen copper wire, is Satnam Singh @ Gora, son of Harpal Singh, whereas the petitioner is a different individual, namely Satnam Singh, son of Kulwant Singh.*
4. *It is further submitted that co-accused Lakhwinder Singh has already been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 29.05.2025 passed in CRM-M-30996-2025, directing him to join the investigation., and the said petition is now listed for 28.08.2025. However, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and 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.*
5. *Notice of motion.*
6. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*
7. *Adjourned to 28.08.2025.*
To be heard along with CRM-M-30996-2025.

8. *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.).*

9. *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 25.08.2025, 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 the official respondent confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 27.08.2025 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 25.08.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, 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.

28.08.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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