

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:133113



(219)

CRM-M-47148-2025
Decided on : 24.09.2025

Manmeet SinghPetitioner(s)
Versus
State of PunjabRespondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Gaurav Jain & Mr. Deepinder Singh Virk, Advocates,
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ankit Bhnchar, Advocate for
Mr. SPS Sidhu, Advocate for the complainant.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.241 dated 16.09.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Tripuri, District Patiala; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 27.08.2025, the following order was passed:

Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.241 dated 16.09.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Tripuri, District Patiala; 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 role ascribed to the petitioner is only of identification on the GPA, the petitioner is neither the beneficiary of transaction in

question nor any amount has come into his account & 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.

At this stage, Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate has entered appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his vakalatnama.

Adjourned to 24.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 02.09.2025 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 the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.

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. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and

cooperated therein and her custodial interrogation is not required, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 27.08.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Ordered accordingly.

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 24, 2025

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**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No