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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48767-2025

Date of decision: 10.11.2025

SHUBHAM ALIAS SHEEBU ALIAS SHUBHAM SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Varun Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.21, dated 27.02.2024, registered at Police Station Division No.2, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1), under Sections 381, 454, 201 and 34 of IPC (Section 201 added later on).

2. On 09.09.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.21, dated 27.02.2024, registered at Police Station Division No.2, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1), under Sections 381, 454, 201 and 34 of IPC (Section 201 added later on).

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Both the parties have been heard and material on file has been perused.

4. The present case was registered on the basis of statement given to the police by Rashim Mahajan proprietor of M/s Modern Surgical House wherein he alleged that he runs a surgical godown at Bawa Building near Old Sabzimandi, Jalandhar where Shubham, Ravi, Mani, Vishal and Neeraj are the employees of the complainant. Shubham had left the job of the complainant without any reason as godown keeper.



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Thereafter, he checked the godown and the stock on 29.12.2023 and found that goods worth of Rs.70 lakh were missing and he made inquiry from staff including Shubham (Petitioner) and they all confessed having stolen the stock worth Rs.30/40 lakh in-connivance with the remaining employees and having sold the same to one Himanshu and Bobby. On further inquiry, it came to be known that goods worth of Rs.70 lakh were missing. Apprehending arrest, petitioner applied for anticipatory bail which was rejected.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 08.09.2025 of Amandeep Singh PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Central), Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

5. *Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that petitioner had left the job with the complainant in June, 2023 and the owner has checked the stock on 29.12.2023, after a delay of 6 months. No stock was missing when he left the job and theft may have been committed by the other employees who were working in the said godown. Learned counsel next contended that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in his favour.*

6. *On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that large quantity of stock has been stolen and which is yet to be recovered. The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is, thus, essential for the effective investigation and to recover the stolen goods and to unearth the entire modus operandi and in case, benefit of anticipatory bail is granted, it will stall the investigation.*

7. *Adjourned to **10.11.2025** for filing status report. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and in the event of her arrest, she shall be admitted to ad-interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-*

i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;



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- ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;*
- iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”*

- 3. Status report dated 08.11.2025 by way of affidavit of Amandeep Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Central), Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is taken on record.
- 4. Today, on instructions from SI Gopal Singh, learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 09.09.2025 and is no longer required for further investigation.
- 5. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 09.09.2025, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.
- 6. Disposed of.
- 7. Pending misc application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

10.11.2025
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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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