



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-52276-2024

Date of decision: 23.01.2025

Munish Kumar Tokhi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Mohan Singh Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') in case FIR No.20 dated 26.09.2024 under Sections 7-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Range Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

2. On 21.10.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that even a perusal of the FIR in question which has been annexed as Annexure P-1 reveals that other than the presence of the petitioner being shown with the co-accused there is no specific allegation against the petitioner, much less of having demanded or accepting the tainted money; the tainted money was recovered from the



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co-accused coupled with the fact that when the trap was laid the petitioner was not even present at the spot.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 21.10.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 21.10.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No