



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-50748-2025
Date of Decision : 18.11.2025

CHARANJIT SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Ms. Rubi Khokhar, Advocate for
Mr. Malkiat S. Hundal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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.160 dated 16.07.2025 registered against him at Police Station Sadar, Tarn Taran, u/s 61, 1, 14 of the Punjab Excise Act.

2. On 11.09.2025, following order was passed.

“Petitioner, an accused, in case FIR No.160 dated 16.07.2025 registered against him for commission of offences punishable under Sections 61/1/14 of the Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station Sadar, Tarn Taran, has filed the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel submits that the proceedings in the present case were initiated when the police team received secret information that the petitioner, who is habitual of distilling liquor near graveyard of village Jodhpur, can be apprehended red handed. Relying on the said information, raid was conducted and one plastic cane containing 25 bottles of illicit liquor was recovered from the spot. Admittedly,



petitioner was not caught by the raiding team. Learned counsel submits that learned Additional Sessions Judge, Tarn Taran, in terms of order dated 18.08.2025, granted the concession of pre-arrest bail to the accused-petitioner, but on account of a wrong date, having been communicated by the lawyer, the petitioner failed to appear during investigation. Consequent to which, the bail application of the petitioner was dismissed vide order dated 02.09.2025. Hence, the present petition.

Learned counsel submits that no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner, who is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer.

Heard.

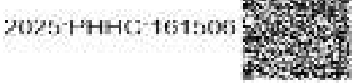
Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab and seeks time to file detailed status report.

Adjourned to 18.11.2025.

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 Heera Singh (Investigating Officer of the case, who is present in the Court), submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for further investigations.
4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 11.09.2025 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

18.11.2025
Nisha Yadav

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