

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:146981



(220)

CRM-M-52815-2025
Decided on : 28.10.2025

Raj Kaur

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: None for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.203 dated 27.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, at Police Station Sarai Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 22.09.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.203 dated 27.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, at Police Station Sarai Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran; 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 petitioner is a lady aged 51 years, no effective recovery is to be

made from the petitioner, the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the stand of the petitioner that the petitioner ran away from the spot despite there being a strong police party is unbelievable & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, Addl. AG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 28.10.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 26.09.2025 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 her 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. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Jatinder Singh) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and she is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and she is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 22.09.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

28.10.2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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