

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:153197



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CRM-M-53071-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision:06.11.2025

Parveen Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA.

Present: Mr. Maninder Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate for the complainant.

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MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL).

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No.72, dated 30.07.2025, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Daresi, District Ludhiana.

2. The petitioner has joined investigation on 25.09.2025
3. Status report has been filed. Power of attorney on behalf of the complainant has also been filed. Learned State counsel has submitted that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for knowing the *modus operandi* in which the crime was committed and for conducting thorough investigation, whereas learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has already joined investigation. The case is based on documentary

evidence. His custodial interrogation is not required and therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. This Court has heard rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

5. As mentioned above, the petitioner has already joined investigation and is ready to join further investigation. Given the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner and in the circumstances peculiar to this case, this Court is of the considered opinion that pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. It is well settled that pre-trial incarceration cannot be replica of post sentence period. No purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody. As such, a case is made out for allowing the present petition. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and order dated 19.09.2025 passed by this Court granting interim bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2), of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023 (analogous to Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure).

6. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

7. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

06.11.2025

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No