

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-54817-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.03.2025

Pankaj Garg

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr.Luvinder Sofat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

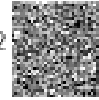
Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.32 dated 14.10.2024 under Sections 13(1)A and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short, 'PC Act') and Sections 409, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Ludhiana

2. On the last date of hearing on 04.12.2024, 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 State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Kulwant Singh, has not disputed the following submissions made on the last date of hearing by learned counsel for the petitioner:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that it is a matter of record that all the payments were

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approved by the superior officers, which included the Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Joint Commissioner, M.C., Commission, M.C. and it was only after their approval and endorsement, filed was then sent to the petitioner, who was posted as Deputy Controller, Finance and Accounts and his role was only to release the payments, which had already been approved by his superior officers.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has yet again reiterated before this Court today that the role of the petitioner, who was a cashier, was just restricted to making payments after the bills had been approved by the officer-in-charge of the Accounts Branch i.e. coaccused Superintending Engineer, Rajinder Singh, whose arrest has since been stayed. ”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 04.12.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Kulwant Singh, 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 04.12.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

06.03.2025*Satyawan***(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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