

2025:PHHC:052415



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-55813-2024

Date of decision: April 24, 2025

DAVID ARORA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
with Inspector Jaskarndeeep Singh.

Mr. Impinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.165 dated 11.09.2024 under Sections 420/466/467/468/471 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station City, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Annexure P-1).
2. After issuing notice of motion on 08.11.2024, the petitioner had been granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 12.12.2024, with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the order dated 12.12.2024 reads as under:-



“Vakalatnama filed on behalf of complainant in Court today, is taken on record.

In compliance of order dated 29.11.2024, cheque of Rs.6,05,000/- has been handed over to learned counsel for the complainant in Court today in the presence of complainant. A copy of said cheque is taken on record.

Adjourned to 20.03.2025.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner reiterates that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that in compliance of order dated 12.12.2024, 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 their custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 12.12.2024 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

April 24, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*