

**CRM-M-54591-2025 (O&M) 1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision:18.11.2025

Sonu Sodhi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Yajur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. On 30.09.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that the allegation against the petitioner is of having paid bribe to him and the co-accused on 03.11.2024 so as to get an FIR registered through the SHO, however, complaint was filed in the month of March, 2025 and an FIR came to be registered on 15.06.2025. An amount of Rs.10,000/- is stated to have been paid via Google Pay in the account of co-accused who in disclosure statement, had stated that Rs.30,000/- was paid to the petitioner is not admissible in law. He alleges false implication. He does not work as a Journalist. He is not involved in any other case. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.



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At the asking of the Court, Mr. MS Bajwa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 08.10.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 18.11.2025.”

2. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 30.09.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)



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5. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

November 18, 2025
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No