



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

201

CRM-M No.56596 of 2024

Date of decision: 19.03.2025

KULJIT SINGH @ KULJEET SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus**STATE OF PUNJAB**

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sartaj Singh Gill, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Sanjeev Goyal, Advocate for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.241 dated 18.10.2024, under Section 125 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-'BNS') and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, District Police Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur.
2. Vide order dated 13.11.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Status report dated 18.03.2025 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 25.01.2025 but he did not cooperate with the Investigating Officer and did not get the weapons recovered used at the time of occurrence and therefore, it is urged that his custodial interrogation is required for thorough investigation.



5. This Court cannot treat the behavior attributed to the petitioner to be instance of non-cooperation, justifying denial for pre-arrest bail since, an accused, while joining investigation, is not expected to make self incriminating statement under the threat that the State may seek withdrawal of the interim protection granted to him. So far as, non recovery is concerned, that cannot be considered as ground for denial of bail to the petitioner. In the considered opinion of this Court, the pre trial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 13.11.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

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

19.03.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No.
Whether reportable :	Yes/No