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

CRM-M-55985-2025

Date of Decision: 11.12.2025

RAJ KUMAR @ RAJU

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Aman Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.115, dated 14.06.2025, registered at Police Station Chhehratta Police Commissionerate Amritsar, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1), under Sections 221, 132, 324(4) and 190 of BNS (Section 118(2) of BNS, 2023 added later on) and Section 61 of Excise Act.

2. On 27.10.2025, the following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.115, dated 14.06.2025, registered at Police Station Chhehratta Police Commissionerate Amritsar, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1), under Sections 221, 132, 324(4) and 190 of BNS (Section 118(2) of BNS, 2023 added later on) and Section 61 of Excise Act.

2. In compliance of order dated 01.10.2025 passed by this Court, status report by way of an affidavit dated



26.10.2025 of Shivdarshan Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, West, Amritsar filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that as per the allegations in the FIR, a team headed by Raman Kumar, Excise Inspector, conducted a raid at the shop of the petitioner after receiving secret information that Sawinder Kumar, his son Jashan, his wife Saroj, and his brother Raju (the petitioner) indulge in the sale of illicit liquor. When the team was proceeding towards the shop of the petitioner, one person was seen coming down the street carrying a gunny bag, who was identified as Sawinder Kumar, and on seeing the police party, he ran away from the spot. When the raiding party was conducting the search, many persons from the camp/colony gathered and started raising a hue and cry. They abused the police and excise officials and manhandled them, and during the said occurrence, private driver of the Excise Department, namely Manjot Singh, suffered a fracture in the middle phalanx of his little finger of right hand. Learned counsel next contended that it is not alleged in the FIR that injury was caused by the petitioner and even raid was not conducted at his shop and occurrence took place in the street. Petitioner has been nominated on the basis of disclosure statement suffered by co-accused Sawinder Kumar which is not admissible in evidence. Petitioner is ready to join the investigation and to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in his favour.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioner has committed a heinous offence and he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

5. Adjourned to **11.12.2025**. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and in the event of his arrest,



he shall be admitted to ad-interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-

- i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
- ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;*
- iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”*

3. Today, on instructions from Investigating Officer, learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 27.10.2025 and is no longer required for further investigation.

4. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 27.10.2025, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.

5. Disposed of.

6. Pending misc application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

11.12.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No