



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

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CRM-M-55944-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.12.2025

Lakhwinder Singh @ Vicky

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.80 dated 20.04.2025, registered under Sections 21(b), 27, 29, 61, 85 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on vide DDR No.31 dated 21.04.2025), at Police Station Canal Colony, District Bathinda.

2. On 01.10.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 in case bearing FIR No.80 dated 20.04.2025 registered under Sections 21(b)/27/29/61/85 of NDPS Act and Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on vide DDR No.31 dated 21.04.2025 at Police Station Canal Colony, District Bathinda.

The counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been named in the disclosure statement of his co-accused. Reliance is placed on the order in ‘**Vijay Singh versus The State of Haryana, bearing Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1266/2023**’ decided on 17.05.2023’, which is reproduced as under:-

“ The petitioner is alleged to have committed offences under Sections 15 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (hereinafter called the

NDPS Act". His application for anticipatory bail was rejected by the High Court. The allegations in the FIR are that 1.7 Kg of Poppy Straw (Doda Post) was recovered from the co-accused. The petitioner concededly was not present at the spot but was named by the co-accused. That apart there is no other material to implicate the petitioner. The prosecution urges that another case with allegations of commission of offence under the NDPS Act are pending against the petitioner. It is not denied that in those proceedings he was granted bail.

Having regard to these circumstances, the petitioner is directed to the enlarged on anticipatory bail, subject to such terms and conditions as the trial Court may impose.

The petition is allowed.

All pending applications are disposed of."

Notice of motion for 08.12.2025.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS:-

i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigating 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 the country, without prior permission of the Court and shall surrender his/her/their passport, if any.

Meanwhile, the State counsel is directed to file an affidavit as to the exact role of the petitioner along with the details of pending FIRs, if any, on or before the next date of hearing. "

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned 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.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kashmir Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner on 14.10.2025 and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. 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 01.10.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.

6. 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

22.12.2025
M.Kamra

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