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

**CRM-M-58469-2024
DECIDED ON: 22.07.2025**

KEWAL KRISHAN BANSAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Samay Singh Sandhawalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Verma, Senior DAG Punjab

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer

The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 0190 dated 23.10.2024, registered under Section 420, IPC at Police Station Samana (Sadar Samana), District-Patiala, Punjab. (Annexure P- 1).

2 Contention

On behalf of the petitioner

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties pursuant to the compromise

agreement dated 21.07.2025, executed before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

On behalf of the State/complainant

Learned State counsel submits that in the light of compromise entered between the parties, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

3. **Analysis**

Be that as it may, having given due consideration to the submissions advanced, particularly to the fact that the matter has already been settled before the Mediation and Conciliation Center of this Court vide compromise agreement dated 21.07.2025 and the petitioner is a person of clean antecedents, as he is not involved in any other case, this Court is of the view that his custodial interrogation is not required.

In the light of above, this Court is of the considered view that there is no valid or cogent reason to deny the bail to the present petitioner, wherein he has *bona fide* intentions and is ready and willing to join the investigation and cooperate for furtherance of the same so that the final report can be submitted by the Investigating Agency in time.

4. **Relief:-**

Hence, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation with the Investigating Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, which are reproduced below:-

‘When the High Court or the Court of Session makes a direction under sub-section (1), it may include such conditions in such directions in the light of the facts of the particular case, as it may think fit, including-

(i) a condition that the person shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

(ii) a condition that the person 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 from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) a condition that the person shall not leave India without the previous 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.’

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within a period of one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stands cancelled.

In the aforesaid terms, the present petition stands allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

22.07.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable :Yes/No