



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

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CRM-M-56432-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.12.2025

Gurdeep Singh Dhillon

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. S.S. Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. D.S. Mann, 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.128 dated 30.08.2025, registered under Section 8 of Prevention of Corruption Act, at Police Station Cantt. Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

2. On 15.10.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that the alleged video taken against the petitioner is of year and half ago. No preliminary inquiry has been conducted as is the requirement in ‘**Lalita Kumari Vs. Govt. of UP and Ors**’, writ petitioner (criminal) No.68 of 2008, and there is no certificate under Section 65-B of the Indian Evidence Act obtained to check the veracity of the same. There is no statement recorded of anyone else in the video and there is no complaint filed by any private person that the petitioner acted as a mediator. He has been falsely implicated on account of the fact that he was elected as Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, was Co-ordinator of District Faridkot and was the acting Senior Vice President of Municipal Committee, Ferozpur. He otherwise is an agriculturist by profession. For the offence alleged the maximum sentence is 7 years, therefore the notice mandating under Section 35 of BNSS (41 of CrPC) was not issued in terms of judgment passed by Hon’ble the Supreme Court in ‘**Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar**’ and in case of ‘**Satinder Kumar Antil Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation and Another**’, reported as 2022 Live Law (SC) 577. The petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 27.10.2025. 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 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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 04.12.2025.”

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 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.
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 15.10.2025 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

04.12.2025
M.Kamra

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