

2025-PHHC-016623



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

CRM-M-58865-2024

Date of decision: 04.02.2025

Manpreet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Shalender Mohan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, with ASI Jaspal Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail, under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, in case FIR No.22, dated 27.05.2024, under Sections 7(a), 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala Range, Patiala.

On 26.11.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that although as per the case of the prosecution, there were some audio recordings between co-accused Karnail Singh and complainant Shera Singh with respect to the demand of bribe, however, there was no such material on record to connect the

petitioner with the alleged demand much less acceptance of bribe from the complainant. It has been further submitted that even in the audio recording of co-accused Karnail Singh with complainant Shera Singh, it has been vaguely mentioned that the petitioner was also one of the beneficiaries of the bribe, which had been demanded by co-accused Karnail Singh.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 26.11.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. As per order dated 17.12.2024, the petitioner has handed over the mobile set. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 26.11.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 04, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No