

**CRM-M-57075-2025****(214) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-57075-2025****Date of decision : 27.11.2025****SONU KUMAR****... Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA****Present: Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner****Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab************MANISHA BATRA, J.**

1. Status report has been filed.
2. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused, which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. No recovery is to be effected from him. He is ready to join the investigation. He has clean antecedents and his custodial interrogation is not required. It is therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.
3. Learned counsel on the other hand has argued that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is must for the purpose of effecting recovery of BBU Cards which had been purchased by him from the co-accused. It is also argued that no exceptional circumstances for grant of bail is made out and it is therefore, urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.
4. This Hon'ble Court has heard rival submissions made by



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the parties.

5. As per the allegations, as on 08.08.2025, while checking the towers installed by Indus Tower Company in District Sri Muktsar Sahib, it was found that the BBU cards of Airtel Company were stolen from the towers installed at Village Fatoohiwala, Badal, Panjawa and Aadhnia, all falling within the jurisdiction of Sri Muktsar Sahib and due to the theft of the same, communication of those towers had stopped working. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings have been initiated and are underway. During the course of investigation, the complainant recorded a supplementary statement on the basis of which, the co-accused Gagandeep Singh, Pinderjit Singh, Sonu Singh and Gurpreet Singh were nominated as accused. They were arrested on 29.08.2025 and two plastic bags containing eight BBU cards were recovered from them. They were interrogated and suffered disclosure statements on the basis of which the present petitioner has been nominated as an additional accused on the allegations that he used to purchase stolen BBU cards from them. Apprehending his pre-arrest, the petitioner moved an application for grant of anticipatory bail which has been dismissed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sri Muktsar Sahib vide order dated 04.10.2025.

6. The recovery of some of the BBU cards has already been effected from the co-accused. In the FIR, there is no mention of the exact number of BBU cards as stolen from the concerned towers. Given the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner and in the circumstances as peculiar to the case, this Court is of the considered

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opinion that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. As such a case is made out for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail, subject to his surrendering before the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer within a period of 10 days from today and on joining investigation then and as and when required thereafter and also subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer and further subject to the compliance of conditions as enshrined in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. It is further clarified that nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

27.11.2025

Amit Sharma

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