



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

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CRM-M-57928-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.12.2025

Daler Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. M.S. Khaira, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner (Through Hybrid Mode)

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.07 dated 13.05.2016, registered under Sections 409, 120-B IPC and Section 13(1)(d) read with 13(2) of Preventio of Corruption Act, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Patiala.

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

“Learned Senior Counsel submits that there is loss caused by the petitioner to the exchequer on account of less wheat, for which Annexure P-4 is referred to that the charge was not given to him with regard to the same, he was working as a helper, besides one co-accused Farid Khan has been granted interim anticipatory bail on 12.10.2023, which was confirmed on 19.10.2023, Annexure P-9. The petitioner retired on 30.11.2019 and is getting pension meaning thereby there are no disciplinary proceedings against him. The very fact that for 10 long years, the petitioner has not been required by the investigating agency, is in itself a good ground to grant interim anticipatory bail, as in SLP (Crl.) No.11234/2025, titled ‘**Gursewak Singh vs. State of Punjab**’, decided on 03.09.2025, Hon’ble the Supreme Court in a case where the petitioner was being sought to be arrested after a period of 4 years, observed that it was a tenable basis for the Court to have exercised its discretion and granted anticipatory bail. He is not involved in any other case. He 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, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, 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 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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 02.12.2025. ”

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 from Inspector Renu 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

02.12.2025
M.Kamra

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