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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-58739-2025

Kunal Arora

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

Date of decision: November 20, 2025

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Naveen Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Manas Bhatia, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.151 dated
31.08.2025, registered for offences punishable under Section 109, 3(5) of
BNS 2023 and Sections 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Civil
Lines, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. On 16.10.2025, the following order was passed:

*“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.151 dated 31.08.2025
registered for offences punishable under Section 109, 3(5) of BNS 2023
and Sections 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Civil Lines,
District Police Commissionerate Amritsar; the petitioner has preferred this
petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023
seeking pre-arrest bail.*

*Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner
has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question on account of a*

misunderstanding, the said misunderstanding has now been resolved by way of a settlement deed dated 12.09.2025 (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-2 with the present petition) & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Gurpartap S. Bhullar, AAG, Punjab. has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

At this stage; Mr. Manas Bhatia, Advocate has entered appearance and has ratified the factum of the above said compromise deed (Annexure P-2).

Adjourned to 20.11.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 27.10.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that the petitioner has indeed joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought by the State, the interim order dated 16.10.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition

stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

November 20, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No