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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-59968-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.02.2025

Jatinder Singh
State of Punjab

Versus

...Petitioner
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sunil Chadha, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Akshay Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Arjun Veer Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.146 dated 30.10.2024 under Sections 57, 173, 329(3), 351(3), 353 of the BNS, 2023, Sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as 'the P.C. Act') and Sections 129, 131, 132 and 134 of The Representation of People Act, 1951 and 1958, registered at Police Station Dakha, Ludhiana Rural.

2. On the last date of hearing on 29.11.2024, 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 senior counsel for the petitioner submits that a perusal of the allegations levelled in the FIR leaves no manner

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of doubt that it is for reasons but obvious that a fabricated version has been brought forth against the petitioner as there were political opponents in the recently concluded Panchayat elections. It has been further submitted that as per the allegations, there was some video footage of the petitioner proclaiming that he had bribed the officials for not cancelling the nomination of one candidate, who was being supported by the petitioner. It has been asserted that totally vague allegations, not supported by any other cogent material have been levelled against the petitioner, which do not even remotely invite the mischief of any offence much less under the P.C. Act.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 29.11.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Goldy Viridi, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 29.11.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No****Whether Reportable: Yes/No**