



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

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CRM-M-60296-2025

Date of Decision: 19.12.2025

HARPREET SINGH @ HEPPA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Ms. Kuljinder Bir Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. KBS Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioners seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.244 dated 23.09.2025, registered under Sections 304(2) 115(2), 351(2) 136(2), 3(5) of BNS, at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
2. Status report dated 17.12.2025 filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Copy thereof, has been supplied to opposite counsel.
3. Vide order dated 30.10.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 07.11.2025 and that recovery of weapon of offence and a mobile phone has been effected from him, as per instructions received. It is further submitted



that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

5. Keeping in view the nature of the allegations and the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case for pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is made out. It is also well settled that pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post conviction sentence.

6. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 30.10.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (analogous to Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure).

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

December 19, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No