

2025:PHHC:066901



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

**CRM-M-65370-2024**

Date of decision: 19.05.2025

Gurmeet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for  
Mr. C.M. Munjal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail, under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, in FIR No.42, dated 31.03.2022, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Cantt., Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. On 16.01.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court issued notice of motion in the case:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is a high official serving in the State of Punjab and it is implausible that he would have chosen to take examination on behalf of co-accused Jaswinder Singh and that too, by forging the signatures of Jaswinder Singh. It has been submitted that there were CCTV camaras installed in the examination hall which lends credence to the fact that the petitioner was not present in the examination hall at the

relevant time and he had never taken the examination by impersonating co-accused Jaswinder Singh.”

3. Thereafter, on 05.03.2025, this Court granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and directed him to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 05.03.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Raman Kumar, 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.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 05.03.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**May 19, 2025**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:  
Whether reportable:

Yes/No  
Yes/No