

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.65503 of 2024
Date of decision: 18.02.2025

SURESH KUMAR MITTAL @ SURESH KUMAR Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

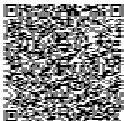
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.170 dated 17.11.2024, under Section 420, 177 and 200 of IPC, registered at Police Station Fazilka, District Fazilka.

2. Vide order dated 31.12.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 31.12.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a civil litigation has been given the colour of a criminal case, as it is essentially a dispute between brothers. Reference has been made to the civil suits (Annexures P-5 and P-7), as also to the petition filed under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (Annexure P-6). He further submits that the petitioner has only a certified copy of the sale deed dated 11.08.2017 and he



*would be willing to provide the same to the investigating agency.
He further submits that the petitioner is willing to join
investigation and abide by any condition imposed by this Court.*

*In compliance of the order dated 24.12.2024, status report
by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub
Division Fazilka filed in Court today is taken on record.*

Adjourned to 03.02.2025.

*In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join
investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on
interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating
Officer, subject to compliance of the provisions of Section 482(2)
of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.*

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 28.01.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.
5. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 31.12.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

18.02.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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