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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-68479-2025 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:22.12.2025

Sunil @ Shannu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

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Present: Ms. Amarjeet Kaur, Advocate, for  
Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.80 dated 09.10.2025, under Sections 61 of Excise Act, 1914 and Sections 62 and 123 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 04.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. There is no evidence against hi. Neither any independent witness nor any videography has been made. Co-accused Sandeep has also been granted interim anticipatory bail. He is not involved in any other case and is



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ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 08.12.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 09.12.2025.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 04.12.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made



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absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)

6.                However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)  
JUDGE

December 22, 2025  
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