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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:23.12.2025

Manjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. B. S. Bhalla, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab

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.16 dated 02.08.2024, under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 471, 201, 120-B IPC and Sections 13(1)A, 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Amendment Act 2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range Jalandhar.

2. On 11.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that brother of the petitioner had made complaints on 29.09.2016, 27.10.2016 and 03.12.2016 to the Vigilance Department with regard to a scam done by Smt. Charanjit Kaur Cheema, working as Registrar, in respect of issuance of roll numbers by ignoring the norms of PNRC, which was pursued by him, vide reminder dated 26.10.2018, Annexure P-2 and there was a recommendation made for action, in accordance with law. It is on account of the same that he has



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been falsely implicated in the present case by making allegations of having received an amount from certain students without there being any specific date regarding the same. Challan has been presented against the co-accused. Further that, the present FIR was registered on 02.08.2024 and he had approached for grant of anticipatory bail thrice over Annexures P-4 to P-6, but each time, it was stated that he has not been nominated as accused in the present case, though now the Vigilance Bureau has sent him a letter dated 07.11.2025 directing to appear before its office and that he would not be arrested, however, certain information was being sought. Apprehending his arrest, he filed application for bail before the trial Court, which stands dismissed. He is 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 17.12.2025. 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) of BNSS, 2023.

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 23.12.2025.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also

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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 11.12.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made 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 23, 2025
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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No