



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

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CRM-M-69787-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 23.12.2025

Karanjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Sarbjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.36 dated 30.08.2025, registered under Sections 420, 409, 201, 120-B IPC and 13(1)A, 13(2) of PC Act, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar.

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

“Learned counsel contends that the petitioner was working as Panchayat Secretary, and entire record which was his responsibility, had been handed over to his successor, Ashok Kumar, vide Amexure P-4, dated 18.05.2020. Even otherwise, there is a delay of 8 years in registration of the FIR while he retired from service on 30.11.2021. The Director, Panchayats has initiated proceedings for assessment of loss against the Sarpanch, but not against him. Co-accused, Lakhbir Singh Butter, BDPO and Manjinder Singh @ Bhiri, Sarpanch have since been granted bail, vide orders dated 01.10.2025 and 04.12.2025, Annexures P-7 and P-8, respectively. The petitioner 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 afore-mentioned 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 affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner 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 482(2) BNSS.

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

23.12.2025

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