



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

**CRM-M-69453-2025
Date of decision: 09.12.2025**

MANPREET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Arshvir Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 482 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in FIR bearing No.241 dated 08.11.2024 registered under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') (Section 118(2) of BNS added later on) at Police Station Balongi, District SAS Nagar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that present FIR was registered on 08.11.2024; initially, the offences in the FIR were bailable in nature and the petitioner joined the investigation but later Section 118(2) of BNS was added. Hence, the petitioner is not required for any custodial interrogation or recovery purpose and he has not misused the concession of bail. The petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents as he is not involved in any other criminal activity, except the present case.



3. Upon advance notice, learned State counsel appeared on behalf of respondent-State and not disputed the fact that initially, the petitioner had joined investigation and weapon of offence has already been recovered from him. However, learned State counsel submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature and he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

4. Heard.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the fact that earlier, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has not misused the concession of bail, he is again directed to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on already furnished bail/surety bonds and shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (*erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.*).

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be expression of an opinion by this Court on merits of the case.

December 09, 2025
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |