



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

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CRM-M-13917-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.03.2026

Hridey Dhanda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Vishal Gupta, 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.18 dated 31.01.2025, registered under Sections 406, 419, 420, 120-B IPC, at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. On 17.03.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Contends, *inter alia*, that neither petitioner is named in the FIR; nor he has received any money from the *de facto* complainant.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

Posted for 08.04.2025.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

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, however, states that he was specifically named in the FIR. 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 17.03.2025 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

24.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No