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**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-14578-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 07.05.2026

Karam Singh**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and another****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Ankush Duhan, Advocate and
Mr. Hitesh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. J. S. Sohal, Advocate for
Mr. V. P. Yadav, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The instant one is the second petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No. 69 dated 28.09.2024, registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Block Majri, District SAS Nagar (Mohali). The previous petition filed by the petitioner had been dismissed on 21.11.2025 for non-prosecution as well as for non-compliance of the undertaking given by the petitioner in the Court.

2. The aforementioned FIR has been registered on a written complaint submitted by complainant/respondent No. 2 Sandeep Palta alleging therein that accused Praveen, who was acquainted to him, had made a call to him representing that some land in village Manakpur Sharif, SAS Nagar was

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available for sale and offered that they could buy the said land jointly and then could sell it on a higher price. He also disclosed that he along with the present petitioner and co-accused Nirmal was already in contact with the prospective buyers of the said land. Accused Praveen introduced the complainant with the present petitioner. He was shown a site of land and was introduced with one person, who projected himself as Aman @ Amna, grandson of the land owner Sikander and told the complainant that his grandfather Sikander owned 33 Kanals of land and was interested to sell the same. The complainant was induced by the present petitioner and co-accused Praveen and Nirmal to part with a sum of Rs.88 Lakhs on the pretext of purchasing the aforesaid land and to sell the same further. However, he subsequently came to know that the vendor was impersonated by some accomplice of the petitioner and co-accused and the person introduced to him as grandson of vendor Sikander was also an imposter. When the complainant demanded his money back, he was extended threats by the petitioner and co-accused.

3. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated and the same are still pending qua the petitioner. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner had moved an application for grant of anticipatory bail before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar but the same had been dismissed, vide order dated 25.11.2024. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a petition bearing **CRM-M-638-2025** before this Court. Vide order dated 06.02.2026 passed in the said petition, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. On 21.05.2025, the petitioner's counsel assured that he would make payment of Rs. 11 Lakhs to the complainant. However, the said

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amount of money had not been paid till 21.11.2025. As on that date, neither the petitioner nor his counsel appeared before this Court. The petition was dismissed for non-prosecution as well as for non-compliance of the undertaking given by the petitioner in the Court.

4. In this petition, it is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that his previous petition had been dismissed as his counsel could not appear before this Court. He has made payment of entire due amount to the complainant in pursuance of a compromise having arrived at between him and the complainant. Learned counsel for the complainant in an application filed by the petitioner for restoration of the previous petition had also affirmed the fact that payment of entire due amount had been made to him. It is submitted that the fact that a compromise has been arrived at between the parties coupled with the fact that entire disputed amount stands paid to the complainant by the petitioner is a sufficient ground for extending benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner since neither any recovery is to be effected from him nor his custodial interrogation is required. Moreso, he has already joined investigation and is ready to join it further. Hence, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. Learned counsel for respondent No. 2/complainant, who has filed his *Vakalatnama* today in Court, has admitted the factum of compromise having arrived at between the parties and has submitted that he has no objection, if the present petition is allowed.

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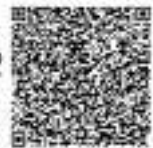


6. However, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer of the petitioner by submitting that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature and no relevance can be given to the alleged compromise at this stage. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

7. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

8. Admittedly, the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature and pertain to offences involving cheating, forgery and impersonation. Merely because the parties have arrived at a compromise, the same cannot be treated as a determinative factor for grant of anticipatory bail in such like offences having wider societal ramifications. However, this Court cannot lose sight of the fact that during the pendency of the earlier petition, the petitioner had already been granted concession of interim anticipatory bail and pursuant thereto, he had joined investigation. It is also not disputed that the petitioner is no longer required for any recovery and the investigation qua him has substantially progressed. Furthermore, respondent No.2/complainant has appeared through counsel and has made a categorical statement before this Court that the matter has been amicably resolved and that he has received the entire disputed amount from the petitioner and has no objection in case the present petition is allowed. Though the earlier petition came to be dismissed for non-prosecution and non-compliance of the undertaking, the said dismissal was not on merits of the controversy. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, particularly considering that the petitioner had earlier joined investigation pursuant to interim protection granted by this Court and the complainant himself does not oppose the present petition, this Court is of the

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considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by subjecting the petitioner to custodial interrogation at this stage. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned and subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall fully cooperate with the Investigating Agency.

07.05.2026
Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>