

2026:PHHC:078153



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

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CRM-M-23144-2026
Date of Decision: 19.05.2026

AJAYPAL SINGH @ GADDI

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY.

Present: Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail for the petitioner in FIR No.0255 dated 05.11.2025, under Section 21(c) of NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the Act added later on) registered at Police Station Khalra, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 04.05.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that name of the petitioner surfaced based on the disclosure statement of co-accused Sukhman Singh, Gurjeet Singh and Sanyam Singh, from whom the alleged contraband in question was recovered. There is no evidence to connect to petitioner with them but for the aforesaid, even as per the status report dated 02.05.2026 filed by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Headquarters, Tarn Taran, in pursuance of direction given by this Court. He relies on the judgment passed by Hon’ble the Supreme Court in the case of **Toofan Singh Vs. State of Tamil Nadu**, 2021 (1) RCR (Criminal) 1. He is not involved in any other case. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Adjourned to 19.05.2026.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 11.05.2026. 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) BNSS.

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.”

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 from ASI Gursahib Singh, 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 04.05.2026 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

MAY 19, 2026.

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No