



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

CRM-M-33076-2025

Date of Decision: 16.01.2026

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Pankaj Kalia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.78 dated 28.05.2022, registered against him at Police Station Sarhali, Distt. Tarn Taran u/s 420 IPC.

2. In the status report dated 13.10.2025 by way of affidavit of Mr. Lovkesh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran, has already been filed on behalf of the respondent-State. In para 4 thereof, the factum of petitioner having joined the investigation has been mentioned.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Gurdial Singh, states that the petitioner is not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 08.07.2025 following order was passed.

“The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.78 dated 28.05.2022 registered under Section 420 of IPC, at Police Station Sarhali, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the present case pertained to January, 2020, whereas the FIR was registered on 28.05.2022. Thus, there is long delay in

reporting the matter to the police. He further contends that the petitioner had not received any amount from the complainant in the present case.

On the other hand, status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Patti, District Tarn Taran has been filed by learned State counsel in Court today and the same is taken on record. He has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and on his appearance, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS.

Adjourned to 03.09.2025.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 08.07.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.
5. The petition stands allowed.
6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

16.01.2026

Parveen kumar

**(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE**

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