



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48757-2025
Date of Decision : 04.02.2026

GURMAIL SINGH SIDHU @ GURMAIL SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Robin Dutt, Advocate
for the petitioner (through Video Conferencing)

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, a co-accused in case bearing FIR No.188 dated 16.07.2025, registered against him at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), u/s 420 of IPC and Section 82 of the Registration Act, 1908.
2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Burman Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for further investigation.
3. On 02.09.2025, following order was passed.

“The present petition for grant of pre-arrest bail has been filed by petitioner-Gurmail Singh Sidhu @ Gurmail Singh, an accused in FIR No.188 dated 16.07.2025, registered against him for commission of offence, punishable under Section 420 of IPC and Section 82 of the Registration Act, 1908 at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).



Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner an old man of 85 years of age, being an owner of the property executed a sale deed in respect thereof, in favour of Harjot Singh, who was already in possession of the said piece of land, on which a house had been constructed. Continuing learned counsel further submits that in the past one Banto, had executed an agreement to sell the said land in favour of the wife of the petitioner. One Uttam Singh claimed his ownership over the said land, on the basis of the will said to have been executed in his favour.

Consequently, a suit for specific performance was filed by wife of petitioner, which was decided in her favour. Similar was the fate of the appeal filed by Uttam Singh. Admittedly, Uttam Singh filed a Regular Second Appeal No.2060 of 2022, against the wife of present petitioner (who was represented by her legal heirs including petitioner). Status quo order was passed on 10.10.2022 by this Court, which was, however, not continued in the subsequent orders. Thus, as per Ld. counsel, plea of the prosecution that petitioner has deliberately violated the Court orders by selling the land, is totally unsustainable. In any case, contempt proceedings have already been initiated.

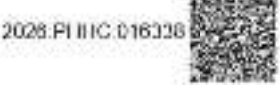
Learned counsel further submits that the presence of the petitioner is not needed for custodial interrogation as no recovery is to be effected from him. Moreover, he is willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the I.O.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State. He requests for a short adjournment to file a detailed status report.

Status report be filed on or before the next date of hearing with an advance copy to the opposite counsel.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, simply taking into consideration the old age of the petitioner, the concession of interim anticipatory bail is granted to him subject



to his joining the investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

Adjourned to 15.10.2025.”

- 4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 02.09.2025 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.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

04.02.2026
Nisha Yadav

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No