



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48731-2025

GURMEET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 20.01.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Shivpartap Singh Khattrra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abnash Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.101 dated 21.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

2. On 02.09.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.101 dated 21.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana, District Ludhiana; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner had primarily introduced the main accused namely Navpreet Singh to the complainant, a settlement had earlier been arrived between the said accused and the FIR-complainant side & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.



Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. AG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 29.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 06.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but his further custodial interrogation is required for effecting the recovery of money in question.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence he ought not to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may interfere with the investigation as also intimidate the investigation/witnesses.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of money in question; this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 02.09.2025.

6. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 02.09.2025, granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made

absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS..

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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