



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-59813-2025
Date of Decision : 06.02.2026

SAURAV KUMAR

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Singh, AAG, Haryana.

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.255 dated 08.05.2023, registered against him at Police Station Industrial Sector 29, District Panipat, for the commission of offences punishable u/s 61(1)(A) of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020).

2. Fresh Status Report dated 09/26.01.2026 by way of affidavit of Mr. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Panipat, filed on behalf of respondent-State has already been placed on record. In para 4 thereof, the factum of petitioner having joined the investigation has been mentioned. In para 5, it has been pointed out that now the custodial interrogation of petitioner is not needed. The fact that petitioner is not involved in any other case and has clean antecedents stands mentioned in para 8 of the said report.



Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Devinder Singh, submits that in view of the aforesaid facts, petitioner is not needed for further investigation.

3. On 11.11.2025, following order was passed.

“This petition for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS, has been filed by petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.255 dated 08.05.2023 registered against him at Police Station Industrial Sector 29, District Panipat at the instance of Sajjan Singh (complainant), for the commission of offences punishable u/s 61(1) (A) of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that name of the petitioner cropped up in series of disclosure statements suffered by one Vikas @ Toni, who himself was not arrested at the site. Learned counsel submits that petitioner, resident of Amritsar, is not in any which way involved in the incident. It was only on account of prior enmity, that co-acused Vikas @ Toni took the name of the petitioner.

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

Heard.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Shweta Nahata, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 18.12.2025.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join 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.”



4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 11.11.2025 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

06.02.2026
Nisha Yadav

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