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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-60286-2025
Decided on: 09.02.2026

MANPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Divyansh Vats, Advocate, for
Mr. H.S. Bath, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Jagdeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate,
for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.163 dated 12.09.2025, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.
2. On 03.11.2025, following order was passed:-

“i) Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.163 dated 12.09.2025, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

ii) Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the prime accused in the present case is Rajiv Arora, who ultimately derived benefit from the sanctioning of a loan of Rs.2.5 crores and a top-up loan of Rs.1.40 crores.

iii) Relying upon the order dated 15.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-58234-2025 and CRM-M-58238-



2025 in respect of Amit Anand and Manoj Kumar, learned counsel submits that the said employees, who were serving as Regional Sales Manager and Regional Credit Manager at Chola mandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd., Jalandhar, have already been granted the concession of interim bail, and their petitions are now fixed for 03.12.2025.

iv) Reading out the role of the petitioner from the inquiry report, which forms part of the FIR itself, learned counsel submits that petitioner Manpreet Singh, while posted as a Senior Sales Executive/Branch Sales Officer, received the loan file pertaining to the amount of Rs.1.40 crores from Regional Credit Manager Manoj Kumar, who handed over the loan file of Rs.1.40 crores to him and on his instructions, co-accused Raj Kumar put the file in the code of petitioner Manpreet Singh DST (Direct Sales Team) through his own ID.

v) It has further emerged during inquiry that petitioner obtained the signatures of the loan applicants under the pressure by Regional Sales Manager namely Amit Anand and Regional Credit Manager namely Manoj Kumar.

vi) Counsel submits that since petitioner is not directly involved in the alleged fraud, he seeks permission to join the investigation. However, he prays that petitioner be granted the concession of anticipatory bail, submitting that he is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation, provided he is protected from arrest.

viii) Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file status report.

Mr. G.B.S. Dhillon, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Jagdeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant.

ix) List on 03.12.2025.

x) In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.). xi) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not



possess any passport. It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

xii) To be heard along with CRM-M-58234-2025 and CRM-M58238-2025.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 03.11.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 03.11.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of passport of the petitioner to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today.



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Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

09.02.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: YES/~~NO~~