

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-60423-2025
DECIDED ON: 09.03.2026

RAMPAL SINGH.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.

Present: Mr. L.S. Sekhon, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Rampal Singh, aged about 40 years	31	09.04.2025	15 and 29 of NDPS Act	Khanauri	Sangrur

2. On 30.10.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

“2. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that on the basis of secret information, recovery of 75 kilograms of poppy husk was effected from the main accused, Raj Kumar. Subsequently, as per the disclosure statement made by Raj Kumar, it allegedly came to light that the said

contraband had been supplied to him by one Toni Singh and Rampal Singh (petitioner herein).

3. *It is further submitted that apart from the said disclosure statement, which was recorded after registration of the FIR and subsequent to the arrest of main accused, there exists no other material or corroborative evidence to substantiate the allegation against the petitioner. Therefore, disclosure statement, being devoid of any legal sanctity or independent corroboration, cannot form the sole basis for implicating the petitioner in the present case. Thus, he prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that anticipatory bail petition, i.e. CRM-M-30957-2025, filed by the co-accused Toni Singh, who stands on the same footing as the present petitioner, has already been dismissed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 24.07.2025.*

Copy of the said order is produced by learned State counsel, and same is taken on record.

6. *Learned State counsel has also produced an extract of the telephonic conversation between the main accused, Raj Kumar (mobile No. 97795-10922), and co-accused Toni Singh (mobile No. 95921-15527) as well as Rampal Singh (mobile No. 93156-75681), covering the period during which the recovery was effected.*

7. *Faced with this situation, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner prays for grant of some time to verify the authenticity of the said information and to examine the legal position as to whether this Court can take a view different from that already taken by the Co-ordinate Bench in the same case, in respect of the similarly situated co-accused.*

8. *List again on 17.11.2025.”*

3. Today, learned State counsel has produced a copy of the order dated 16.12.2025, passed by Hon’ble the Apex Court in the case of ‘Toni Singh vs. State of Punjab, and submits that prayer for anticipatory

bail of co-accused Toni Singh had earlier been declined by this Court, and the said order has been upheld even by the Hon'ble Apex Court.

It is further contended that, in the absence of any extraordinary reason, petitioner cannot be granted the concession of anticipatory bail in the present case.

4. Copy of the order dated 16.12.2025 passed by Hon'ble Apex Court is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place in the file.

5. In view of the allegations against the petitioner and his co-accused-Toni Singh being almost similar, and since the co-accused has not been extended the concession of anticipatory bail, present petition filed by the petitioner seeking anticipatory bail cannot be allowed.

6. **Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.**

7. However, it is clarified that in case, petitioner surrenders before the concerned Court within a period of two weeks, and files a regular bail petition, the same shall be decided expeditiously, in accordance with law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

09.03.2026

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>