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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-62151-2025
DECIDED ON: 10.03.2026**

MOHIT ALIAS MONU**.....PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB**.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.**

Present: Mr. Ashish Pundir, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.82, dated 09.07.2025, under Sections 25(1)8-54-59 of Arms Act, 1959 (Section 21 of NDPS Act was added later on), registered at Police Station Division No.2, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar.
2. While hearing the submissions addressed by counsel for the petitioner, on 07.11.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

“2. As per the allegations, on the basis of secret information, FIR in the present case was registered on 09.07.2025, pursuant to which accused Abhishek @ Vansh was arrested. During interrogation, he got recovered one pistol of .30 bore along with two live cartridges, and subsequently, he also got recovered two more pistols of .30 bore.

During his arrest, said accused disclosed that the aforesaid pistols and live cartridges were brought by him from the house of coaccused Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh, on the asking of his cousin Karan. Thereafter,

on 18.07.2025, accused Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh was arrested, who disclosed that his actual name is Harwinder Kumar @ Harsh. Other accused persons, namely Karan and Jugraj Singh @ Joga, were also nominated vide disclosure statement dated 20.07.2025. On the basis of their disclosure statements, Karanpreet Singh @ Giani @ Fateh and Aman @ Amna were also nominated as accused. From the possession of accused Karanpreet Singh @ Giani @ Fateh, five pistols, ten cartridges, one Brezza car, and 52 grams of heroin were recovered, necessitating the addition of Section 21 of the NDPS Act.

The name of present petitioner, Mohit @ Monu, surfaced during investigation when accused Karanpreet Singh @ Giani @ Fateh disclosed that two pistols had been handed over by him to the present petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the antecedents of the petitioner are clean, as he has never been found involved in any such activity. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no connection with the aforementioned accused persons from whom huge recoveries of weapons have already been effected. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation, provided he is protected from arrest.

4. Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State.

5. Learned State counsel is directed to file a status report indicating the connecting evidence, if any, linking the petitioner with the commission of the crime.

6. Adjourned to 12.01.2026.

7. Till the next date of hearing, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed. However, the issue of the petitioner joining the investigation will be examined after considering the reply of the respondents.”

3. Continuing the submissions, counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully

cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed status report dated 11.01.2026 in the Court today and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

5. While referring to paragraph No.7 of the status report, learned State counsel submits that there are several accused in the present case, including present petitioner, and weapons have been recovered from the possession of almost all the accused persons.

6. As far as role of the petitioner is concerned, learned State counsel submits that he had purchased two pistols from co-accused Karanpreet Singh alias Giani alias Fateh and had also purchased 50 grams of heroin from the said co-accused.

It is further submitted that petitioner is actively involved with the co-accused persons. Specific allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner in the disclosure statement of co-accused Karanpreet Singh alias Giani alias Fateh to the effect that he had supplied two pistols to the petitioner. In these circumstances, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required in the present case for the recovery of the weapons.

It is also submitted that petitioner has earlier been involved, along with co-accused Aman alias Amna, in another case, bearing FIR

No.61 dated 30.05.2019 registered under Sections 323, 324, 148 and 149 of the IPC at Police Station Division No.2, Jalandhar.

7. Thus, learned State counsel submits that in view of the gravity of the offence committed by the petitioner as well as his criminal antecedents, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail, and accordingly, prays for dismissal of the present petition.

8. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the parties and has also perused the record available before it, including the status report dated 11.01.2026.

9. Considering the stand taken in the status report filed by learned State counsel, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner would be required for effecting the recovery of the weapons/pistols.

10. Finding no substantial ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, **present petition is dismissed.**

However, concerned Investigating Officer is directed to proceed further, in accordance with law.

10.03.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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