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

CRM-M-65123-2025
Date of Decision: 15.01.2026

Jagdeep Singh	...	Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab	...	Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner, accused in case FIR No.65 dated 06.08.2025 registered against him, u/s 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Harike, Distt. Tarn Taran, has filed the petition for grant of pre-arrest bail under Section 482 of BNSS.

2. Status Report dated 14.01.2025 by way of affidavit of Mr. Jagbir Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, PBI, Economic Offences & Special Crime, Tarn Taran, has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, which is taken on record. In para 6 thereof, the factum of petitioner having joined the investigation has been mentioned. It has also been pointed out that petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Amrik Singh, No.1691/T.T. states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 26.11.2025 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.65 dated 06.08.2025 registered against him at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran, for the commission of offences punishable u/s 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. FIR was lodged against unknown person. Further, the car from which the bottles of liquor are said to have been recovered also does not belong to the present petitioner. Nonetheless, petitioner is willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to file detailed status report.

Adjourned to 15.01.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-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.).”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 26.11.2025 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.

15.01.2026
Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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