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

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CRM-M No.67559 of 2025
Date of decision: 20.01.2026

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. D.V. Dhindsa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, DAG, Haryana,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Status report has been filed. Learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 14.12.2025 and 17.12.2025 but he has not cooperated with the investigating agency and hence he does not deserve to be given benefit of anticipatory bail.

2. With regard to contention that the petitioner has not co-operated with the investigation, it may be stated that the behaviour attributed to the petitioner cannot be considered as an instance of non-

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cooperation, justifying denial for grant of pre-arrest bail since, an accused, while joining investigation, is not expected to make self incriminating statement under the threat that the State may seek withdrawal of the interim protection granted to him. In the considered opinion of this Court, the pretrial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. As such, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 02.12.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

3. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No