



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

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**CRM-M-67436-2025
Date of decision: 20.01.2026**

Gurbhej Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

1. Through the instant petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.204 dated 30.10.2025 registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran.
2. Vide order dated 01.12.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Learned State counsel filed status report dated 19.01.2026. The same is taken on record. She further, on instructions states that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 07.12.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.
4. In view of the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation and the given nature of allegations, his pre-trial incarceration is not required. As such, without commenting on merits of case, it is observed



that a case for release of petitioner on bail is made out. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order 01.12.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

20.01.2026
Amit Sharma

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |