



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

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CRM-M-72060-2025 (O&amp;M)

Date of decision: 16.03.2026

Sultan @ Sultan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

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Present : Mr. Rhytem Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.260 dated 29.10.2025, registered under Section 61/1/14 of Punjab Excise Act, at Police Station City-I, District Fazilka.

2. On 20.01.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was not present when the alleged recovery was effected. There was no independent witness and no videography has also been made. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Status report on behalf of respondent-State filed in the Court, is taken on record, copy whereof has been furnished to the learned counsel opposite.

Adjourned to 16.03.2026.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 28.01.2026. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall

be deemed to have been vacated.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Davinder Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 20.01.2026 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.
6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)  
JUDGE

16.03.2026  
M.Kamra

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