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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-72532-2025

Date of decision: 16th February, 2026

Ankush Arora

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Durgesh Garg, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

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. 146 dated 29.05.2025 registered under Sections 21-C, 25 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') at Police Station Anti Narcotics Force (ANTF), District ANTF Wing, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

2. Vide order dated 22.12.2025 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 11.02.2026. The same is taken on record. He further, on instructions states that the petitioner has joined the investigation 27.12.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

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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 22.12.2025 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

16th February, 2026
Parveen Sharma

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