



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

182 CRM-M-73347-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 12.03.2026

DALER SINGHPetitioner
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.103 dated 24.10.2025, registered under Sections 61.1.14 of the Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran.
2. On 24.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-
- “1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name and age of petitioner	FIR No.	Date	Sections(s)	Police Station	District
Daler Singh, aged about 32 years	103	24.10.2025	61, 1, 14 of Excise Act, 1914	Chohla Sahib	Tarn Tarn

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the allegations, on the basis of secret information against a person named Gora Singh, alleging that he was

engaged in the preparation of illicit liquor, FIR in question was registered against the said accused even prior to the conduct of any raid or effecting of any recovery.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner's actual name is Daler Singh and not Gora Singh, and therefore, the issue of identity would require adjudication before the trial Court. It is further argued that from a bare perusal of the FIR, the place of alleged recovery of 600 litres of lahan is not clearly specified.

3. Further contends that petitioner has neither any connection and ownership, nor possession over the said premises from where the alleged recovery of lahan is stated to have been effected. It is submitted that petitioner, being already known to the members of the police team of the area, has been unnecessarily and falsely implicated in the present case.

It is further submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

6. Adjourned to 12.03.2026.

7. 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 abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

8. Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned 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 DSP Atul Soni, 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 24.12.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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.

12.03.2026

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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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