



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

CRM-M-3156-2025

Date of decision: 24.02.2025

GURDEEP SINGH SIDHU

....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. A.K. Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

| FIR No. | Dated | Sections | Police Station |
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| 160 | 06.04.2024 | 420, 120-B of IPC | City Barnala, District Barnala. |

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 03.02.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 03.02.2025.

3. Learned State counsel intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.



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4. Mr. Vishal Garg, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed power of attorney, which is taken on record. He opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. During the course of hearing on 03.02.2025, following order was passed:

“Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the brother of the petitioner namely Malkit Singh used to sell crop and payment was used to be made by the complainant through bank transfer and has placed on record copy of the Form-J in this regard. Per contra, learned State counsel while referring to the status report has submitted that the petitioner had been paid Rs.5 lakhs in May 2022 and again Rs.5 lakhs in January 2023 by the complainant.

The Investigating Officer of the case ASI Gyan Singh is present in Court and on a query, he has categorically stated that the alleged transaction is in cash and there is nothing to substantiate such payment on record as of now.

Be it the case, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

List on 24.02.2025. ”

6. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 03.02.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 03.02.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the

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petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

7. The petition stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

24.02.2025

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |