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

CRM-M-1574-2025

Date of decision: 08.07.2025

Sanjeev Kalia

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. R.S. Rai, Senior Advocate, with
Ms. Mehtab Kamboj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 in case FIR No.01, dated 01.01.2025, under Sections 420, 409 IPC, Section 13(1)(A) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

2. On 14.01.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by learned senior counsel for the petitioner, this Court had directed that no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner:-

“Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a Senior Assistant in the Improvement Trust. It is argued that regarding the same set of allegations, the Department conducted a fact-finding enquiry in which the petitioner was exonerated. This exoneration was subsequently

accepted by the Vigilance Bureau. However, the Learned Senior Counsel contends that inexplicably and without any plausible justification, the findings of the enquiry report have been disregarded, and the present case has been registered against the petitioner.”

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 10.03.2025, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

4. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 10.03.2025, petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 10.03.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 08, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No