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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-24027-2024(O&M)****Date of Decision:28.05.2025**

Parhalad Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.ShekhawatPresent : Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Anju Arora, Advocate with
Ms. Alisha Arora, Advocate and
Mr. Manpreet, Advocate for respondent No.2.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.55 dated 30.03.2024, under Section 409 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

2. While granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail, this Court had noticed the following contentions on 14.05.2024:-

“Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner permitted the contractor to lift the wooden logs under the bona fide belief so as to save the Forest Department from loss. He further points out that the Contractor intends and is willing to deposit the amount, however, the Department is not issuing GST invoice and thus, there has been some delay in payments and in case the GST invoices are released in favour of the Contractor, the payment could be made at the earliest.”

3. During the Court proceeding, both the parties were appeared on 29.04.2025 and the following order was passed:-

“ During the course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has voluntarily submitted that without admitting his guilt and just to show his bona fides, petitioner is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.32 lacs with the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, subject to outcome of the trial.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties at length and perused the record carefully.

The petitioner is directed to deposit an amount of Rs.32 lacs with the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate till 27.05.2025. The concerned Court is also directed to deposit the said amount in a fixed deposit in a nationalized bank, fetching maximum rate of interest, subject to outcome of the trial.

Adjourned to 28.05.2025.

Interim order to continue.

In case, the amount is not deposited by the petitioner, the present bail petition shall be deemed to be dismissed only on this ground.”

4. Today, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has already deposited a sum of Rs.32 lacs with the Court of Area Magistrate, subject to outcome of the trial.

5. Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for respondent No.2 are not in a position to controvert the stand taken by learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. In view of the above statement made by learned counsel for the parties, the interim order dated 14.05.2024 is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation, as and when called by the Investigating

Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.

7. Pending application(s) stand(s) also disposed of.

28.05.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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