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AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-14366-2025
Date of decision: 21.04.2025**

JASPREET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: None for the petitioner.

 Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition is preferred under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.157 dated 09.07.2023, registered under Sections 177, 199, 200, 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

2. On 17.03.2025, following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.157 dated 09.07.2023, registered under Sections 177, 199, 200, 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner was in judicial custody and the co-accused has furnished the surety bonds and produced some fake documents. The petitioner has no knowledge with regard to furnishing of false documents by coaccused Manoj Kumar and the case of the prosecution is based upon documentary evidence, which is already in possession of the investigating agency and the similarly situated co-accused of the petitioner namely Shubham Vig has already



been granted the concession of ad-interim anticipatory bail by this Court on 17.02.2025 passed in CRM-M No.9036 of 2025.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to supply a copy of paperbook to counsel for the State during course of the day.

Adjourned to 21.04.2025.

In the meantime, keeping in view the law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and others 2010 SCC OnLine SC 137; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia etc. Vs. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 565, Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State of NCT Delhi 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 833, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today and on doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482 (2) of BNSS.

If the Investigating/Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Investigating/Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Navkiranjit,



submits that in compliance of order dated 17.03.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel, the order dated 17.03.2025, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023 (*Erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.*)

5. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion by this Court lest it may prejudice the trial. The learned trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.

April 21, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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