

2025:PHHC:082745



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14067-2025

Date of decision: July 10, 2025

ANIL SHARMA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. H.K. Brinda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0002 dated 06.01.2024 under Sections 409/420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Morinda, District Rupnagar.

2. On 12.03.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under: -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner, who is a retired bank official, was no doubt, suspended during his service, however, it is also a matter of record that the entire amount misappropriated by the petitioner had already been deposited with the bank along with ₹70,000/- interest. Learned counsel has submitted that the only allegation, which remains against the petitioner is of having lowered the image of the bank on account of the alleged misappropriation. It has been further submitted by the counsel that the petitioner is willing to join investigation; no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner since the misappropriated amount already stand deposited with the bank.”



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance of order dated 12.03.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. 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.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, and interim order dated 12.03.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

July 10, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*