

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025/PHHC:126741



(210)

CRM-M-41842-2025

Decided on : 15.09.2025

Vikram Jeet Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Prateek Rathee, Mr. Ashutosh Singh &
Mr. Shwas Bajaj, Advocates for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.18 dated 31.01.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 420 of IPC at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 18.08.2025, the following order was passed:

“Reply by way of affidavit of Shri Tarlochan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Faridkot, District Faridkot on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed in Court today. The same be kept on record. A copy of the same has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.18 dated 31.01.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 420 of IPC at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that a complaint was made on 22.08.2023 on the basis thereof the FIR in question was registered on 31.01.2025, the petitioner has always been

willing to extend his cooperation to the police for joining investigation.

Adjourned to 15.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 22.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot is directed to file an affidavit explaining the hiatus at the end of the police from 22.08.2023 till 31.01.2025.”

3. Learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Shri Pragya Jain, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, District Faridkot. The same be kept on record. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 18.08.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS. In view of the order dated 18.08.2025, it is further expected that proceedings undertaken by the police authorities regarding the *hiatus* at the end of the police from 22.08.2023 to 31.01.2025 would be taken forward in the correct earnest.

5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be

confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

September 15, 2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No