



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

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**CRM-M No.21257 of 2025  
Date of decision: 23.05.2025**

**FEROZ****.... Petitioner**

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB****.... Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present : Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

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**MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 26, dated 14.04.2024, under Sections 452, 324, 326, 427, 506, 148 and 149 of IPC, at Police Station Raja Sansi, District Amritsar Rural.
2. Vide order dated 24.04.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Reply dated 22.05.2025 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that that the petitioner has joined investigation on 03.05.2025 but his custodial interrogation is required for identifying the involvement of other persons.
4. This Court cannot justify the denial for pre-arrest bail since, an accused, while joining investigation, is not expected to make self incriminating



statement under the threat that the State may seek withdrawal of the interim protection granted to him. So far as, to ascertain the involvement of other persons in the crime, is concerned, that cannot be considered as ground for denial of bail to the petitioner. In the considered opinion of this Court, the pre trial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 24.04.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

**23.05.2025**

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**(MANISHA BATRA)****JUDGE**

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