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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 24.03.2025

MANPREET KUMAR @ GORA

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. S.P. Singh, Advocate, and
Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offences punishable under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act, added later on), in a case arising out of FIR No.09, dated 08.01.2025, registered at Police Station Special Task Force, District STF Wing.

2. On 30.01.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offences punishable under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act, added later on), in a case arising out of FIR No.09, dated 08.01.2025, registered at Police Station Special Task Force, District STF Wing.

2. The case of the prosecution is that 400 grams of ‘Heroin,’ which is a commercial quantity, has been recovered from the main accused – Arun Kumar,



and on his own disclosure statement, the name of the present petitioner emerged.

From the petition and the pleadings of the counsel for the petitioner, the facts revealing out are that:

- i. At the instance of the petitioner, one DDR No. 41, dated 08.10.2023, was got registered against Arun Kumar;*
 - ii. At the instance of said Arun Kumar also, one FIR No. 203, dated 08.10.2023, under Sections 323, 148 & 149 of IPC, was registered against the petitioner at Police Station City South Moga;*
 - iii. In the criminal case, charges have already been framed against Arun Kumar, which was got lodged at the instance of the present petitioner.*
- 3. On the basis of aforesaid facts, counsel for the petitioner submits that there is inimical relations between the petitioner and the main accused – Arun Kumar, and therefore, the case planted upon the petitioner is completely false.*
- 4. Notice of motion.*
- 5. On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks time to file status report in the matter.*
- 6. Adjourned to 24.03.2025.*
- 7. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) Cr.P.C.*
- 8. Besides, petitioner would submit/surrender his passport before the Arresting Officer and an undertaking on oath that in case of leaving the Country, he would seek prior permission from the Investigating Agency/concerned Court.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 30.01.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report dated 21.03.2025 in the Court today and the same is taken on record.



Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required now for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and since custodial interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and ad-interim order dated 30.01.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

24.03.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**