



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

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**CRM-M-18395-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.05.2025**

Dilbagh Chand

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Aditya Anand, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.38 dated 10.03.2025 under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 24 of Immigration Act, 1983, registered at Police Station Jamalpur, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. On 04.04.2025, the following order was passed:-

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Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case being father of main accused, namely Balwinder Kumar @ Bindu and he has no role to play in the entire incident. As per the investigation conducted by the police, an amount of Rs.1.50 lakh was transferred to the bank account of Chechi Grocery Store, which is linked with PAN card of son of the petitioner. The petitioner is not



operating the said bank account and all the transactions are being carried out by his son-main accused. As such, the petitioner cannot be held liable for the alleged offence. The maximum sentence provided for the offences, under which the FIR (supra) is registered, is punishable upto 07 years.

Notice of motion for 05.05.2025.

*Keeping in view the ratio of 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 Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter, as directed by the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner will be admitted to interim anticipatory bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973).*

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

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion by this Court and learned trial



Court shall decide the case on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Raghbir Singh, at the very outset, informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
4. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 04.04.2025 is hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS (*erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973*).
5. The petition stands disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

05.05.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No