



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10377-2025
Date of decision: 02.04.2025

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Versus

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, DAG Punjab.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
134	13.12.2024	13-A of the Punjab Gambling Act and 7(3) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act	Division No.3, Police Commissionerate, District Jalandhar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 10.03.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

3. During the course of hearing on 10.03.2025, following order had been passed: -



“ Status report dated 09.03.2025 in the form of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Heard.

3. As per the reply filed by the State, the only role attributed to the petitioner is that his shop was used for committing the gambling activities. Admittedly, the petitioner was not apprehended at the spot.

4. Be it the case, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation before deciding the petition on merits. Therefore, in these circumstances, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within ten days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Investigating Officer of the case to remain present along with record on the next date of hearing.

6. List on 02.04.2025.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions received from ASI Ranjit Pal informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 10.03.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 10.03.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by



way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.

7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

02.04.2025
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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |