



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-514-2025

Date of decision: 04.04.2025

Pankaj

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Vivek Kathuria, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') in case FIR No.07, dated 15.01.2019, under Sections 408/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Balongi, SAS Nagar.

2. On 10.01.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a false and fabricated case having been planted upon the petitioner is writ large from the fact that although the alleged misappropriation of money had been taking place continuously upto 2017, however, it was after a delay of 03 years, the FIR in question was registered; audit was being carried out annually, however, not even once strangely the alleged misappropriation of money came to light. Learned counsel submits that even though the FIR was registered in the year 2019, it was after a gap of 05 years that the police was now trying to arrest the



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petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that there is no other case pending against the petitioner.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 10.01.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 10.01.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

04.04.2025

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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