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

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**CRM-M-5235-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.05.2025**

Sukhdev Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**Present:** Ms. Mankirat Kaur Sra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.06 dated 08.01.2025 (P-1), under Sections 420, 465, 467, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with co-accused in criminal conspiracy with each other cheated the complainant by forging and fabricating the Will in question.

3. Contends that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 29.01.2025 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required. Also contends that now matter has been amicably settled between the parties i.e petitioner as well as complainant.



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4. The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel, on instructions from quarter concerned and submits that his custodial interrogation is not required. Learned Counsel for the complainant also submits that matter has been amicably settled between the parties.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. It transpires that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 29.01.2025 and which reads as under:-

“Contends, inter alia, that petitioner is ready for an amicable settlement with the de facto complainant.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate, causes appearance on behalf of the de facto complainant and on instructions, submits that he is not averse to the contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioner.

In the circumstances, let parties, i.e. the petitioner as well as de facto complainant, be relegated to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 17.02.2025, to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement between them.

Report of the Mediator be awaited for 17.03.2025.

In order to facilitate the mediation proceedings only, till the next date of hearing, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed.

To be heard along with CRM-M-3367-2025. ”

7. It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. Learned counsel for the complainant has also acknowledged the factum of settlement.

8. In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 29.01.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

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9. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

10. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

11. It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

12.05.2025

Rajeev (rvs)

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No