

2025:PHHC:126632



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-49480-2024

Date of decision: September 15, 2025

MANOJ KUMAR

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Girdhari Shanker Verma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab  
with ASI Gurmeet Singh.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.215 dated 12.08.2024 under Sections 306 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Sahnewal, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).
2. On 16.01.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance of the said order, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency in compliance of the order dated 16.01.2025. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less for his custodial interrogation.



4. On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel, it has been submitted, on instructions, that in the CCTV footage retrieved from the place of occurrence, from where the steel wire bundles etc. were stolen, the petitioner was not visible; it was co-accused watchman Goldy, who was visible, and it was during his interrogation, it surfaced that the petitioner was also a part of the gang which was involved in such like thefts.

5. On a further pointed query as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, learned State counsel, on instructions, has replied in the negative.

6. In view of the above, the instant petition is allowed, and interim order dated 16.01.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

**September 15, 2025**

*Jaspreet Kaur*

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned* : *Yes/No*

*Whether reportable* : *Yes/No*