

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:106154



(214)

CRM-M-37414-2025

Decided on : 18.08.2025

Gopal Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0094 dated 28.06.2020 registered for offences punishable under Section 419, 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of IPC at Police Station Mehta, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 17.07.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0094 dated 28.06.2020 registered for offences punishable under Section 419, 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of IPC at Police Station Mehta, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has served in the Army for about 25 years, the allegations in the

FIR primarily pertained to documentary material & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 18.08.2025

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 24.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Jatinder Singh) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.
4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 17.07.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition

stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

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

August 18, 2025

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**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No