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

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Decided on: 22.07.2025

Muruli T.**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

Present: Mr. Davneet Sangwan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNS, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station
Muruli T.	630	26.11.2024	111(2), 111(3), 111(4), 111(5), 318(4), 319(2), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2) of BNS and Section 12(1) of Passport Act, 1967	City Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner places reliance on the order dated 21.07.2025 passed by this Court in CRM-M-34456-2025, whereby anticipatory bail was granted to similarly situated

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co-accused, namely Kalvi Ashoka. It is submitted that, as per the allegations levelled by the prosecution, petitioner and his co-accused Kalvi Ashoka are alleged to have verified the documents, antecedents, and citizenship status of accused persons namely Khushaal Singh Karot and Manjot Singh, in connection with the issuance of passports bearing numbers C1837781 and C1446812, respectively.

Learned counsel argues that, at best, this may amount to an error in verification, but does not establish the culpability of the petitioner under the alleged offences. The prosecution's case that the petitioner and his co-accused conspired with the main accused, members of the Bhupi Rana Gang, in the preparation of forged passports, is unsubstantiated.

It is further submitted that since anticipatory bail has already been confirmed in favour of co-accused Kalvi Ashoka, petitioner, being similarly situated, is entitled to the same relief. Petitioner undertakes to join the investigation and to cooperate fully with the authorities.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, learned AAG, Haryana, appears on behalf of the respondent/State.

Learned State counsel submits that he has perused the petition as well as the prosecution's stand as reflected in the status report, which has already been considered and reproduced in the anticipatory bail order passed in favour of co-accused Kalvi Ashoka. He submits that

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the petitioner is involved in a serious offence, and it is due to the alleged omission on part of the petitioner and other co-accused that accused namely Khushaal Singh Karot and Manjot Singh, members of the Bhupi Rana Gang, succeeded in fleeing from the country. Therefore, he opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

However, learned State counsel is unable to dispute the fact that these very submissions were duly considered by this Court while granting anticipatory bail to co-accused Kalvi Ashoka.

5. In view of the aforesaid, this Court does not find any necessity to call for a separate status report. Upon perusal of the order dated 21.07.2025 passed in favour of co-accused Kalvi Ashoka, and there being no distinguishing material brought to the Court's notice, this Court does not find any substantial reason to subject the petitioner to custodial interrogation at this stage. Accordingly, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two weeks from today. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he

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possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

It is further made clear that if in future petitioner is found indulged in similar kind of activities, prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in the present case.

6. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

July 22, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**