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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 17.09.2025

SANTOKH SINGH ALIAS SUKH

..PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab.

None for the complainant.

RAMESH KUMARI, J. (ORAL)

In the instant anticipatory bail petition on 17.06.2025, the following order was passed by Coordinate bench of this Court:-

“1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.66 dated 19.04.2025, registered for the offences punishable under Section 318(2) of BNSS, 2023 and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar (Rural), the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. Counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that the petitioner in order to show his bonafide, is ready to deposit the entire



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amount of Rs.3,10,000/- alleged to have been received by him before the Trial Court.

3. Notice of motion for 17.09.2025.

4. Mr. Akhil Kamra, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the State and Mr. P.B.S. Goraya, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the complainant and submits that the said amount be ordered to be released to the complainant. Though, the same be made subject to final outcome of the trial.

5. In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to deposit of an amount of Rs.3,10,000/- within a week. On deposit thereof, the same shall be disbursed to the complainant against adequate security. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023”.

Learned State counsel submits that, in compliance of the order dated 17.06.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and has also deposited an amount of Rs.3,10,000/- in the shape of FDR. He further clarifies that, since petitioner has now joined the investigation, the prosecution does not require the petitioner's custodial interrogation and the learned State counsel has not raised any objection in this regard.

In view of the stand taken by learned State counsel, and considering that the amount of Rs. 3,10,000/- as ordered by this Court has been deposited, order dated 17.06.2025 is hereby made absolute.

Petition stands allowed.

However, it is clarified that upon submission of an appropriate application by the complainant/victim, the amount of



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Rs.3,10,000/-, stated to have been deposited by the petitioner, be released for its disbursement by the competent authority(whenever it has been deposited).

September 17, 2025
Poonam Sharma

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*