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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-13694-2025
Date of decision: 04.04.2025

AJEET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Deepal Jaglan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case bearing FIR No.0349 dated 13.12.2024 under Sections 406/420 of IPC registered at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Annexure P-1).

2. On 11.03.2025, following order was passed:

“The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case bearing FIR No.0349 dated 13.12.2024 under Sections 406/420 of IPC registered at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar, Mohali (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the only allegation against the petitioner is that he introduced the complainant with the main accused, namely, Inder Mohan Verma. She further contends that the petitioner is neither the beneficiary nor the witness to the agreement to sell executed between the parties. She submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and maximum imprisonment in the offences, under which, the FIR (supra) has been registered, is up to 07 years. Further, no notice under Section 35(3) BNSS, 2023 was



issued to the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

*In the meantime, keeping in view the law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and others 2010 SCC OnLine SC 137; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia etc. Vs. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 565, Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State of NCT Delhi 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 833**, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today and on her doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482 (2) BNSS, 2023.*

If the Investigating/Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Investigating/Arresting Officer and direct her to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Adjourned to 04.04.2025.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion by this Court lest it may prejudice the trial. The learned trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balvir Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 11.03.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial



interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel, the order dated 11.03.2025, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 482 (2) BNSS, 2023 (*Erstwhile Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.*)

5. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion by this Court lest it may prejudice the trial. The learned trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law.

April 04, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |