



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

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CRM-M-3172-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 30.09.2025

Vikas Soni

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

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Present : Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.35 dated 12.12.2024 under Section 7 of The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Ludhiana.

2. On 17.07.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.35 dated 12.12.2024 under Section 7 of The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Ludhiana.

Reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau Range Ludhiana, has been filed in Court, which is taken on record. Copy supplied to the counsel opposite, who prays for an adjournment to go through the same and thereafter make his submissions.

On a pointed query, learned State counsel has submitted that although the bribe amount was not handed over to the petitioner, however, there was an audio conversation between the petitioner (serving as a Patwari) and the son of the complainant making explicit demand of ₹3,500/- for making relevant entries in the revenue records.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency; he also undertakes to give his voice sample to the investigating agency.

Adjourned to 30.09.2025.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS/438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from DSP Goldi Viridi VB/ASR affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 17.07.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

**30.09.2025**

M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No  
Whether reportable : Yes / No