



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

**CRM-M-54587-2025
Date of decision: 14.10.2025**

ANGREJ SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present: Mr. Sumit Dua, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

 Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG, Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.222 dated 22.08.2025 registered at Police Station ANTF, SAS Nagar, Mohali, under Sections 21(c) and 29 of NDPS Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during investigation has been perused.

3. Status report by way of an affidavit of Bikramjit Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Narcotics Task Force, Jalandhar Range, Jalandhar, filed on behalf of the State is taken on record.

4. Brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 22.08.2025, ASI Manoj Kumar along with other police officials was present at Nurpur station, at about 08.00 AM, when he received secret information that



Prabh resident of Daniyal and Angrej Singh (petitioner) and one more person, whose name is not known deal in sale of narcotics and today also, they are standing on the left side of the road leading to Pathankot in vehicle No.PB-01-E-9580 and waiting for their customers. In case, a raid is conducted, large quantity of drugs can be seized. Thereafter, police party reached the disclosed place, where one Ertiga car bearing No. PB-01-E-9560 was seen parked and when police party reached near the car, one person standing outside the car boarded the same and driver sped away while one person namely Prabhjot Singh @ Prabh was apprehended. Notice under Section 50 of NDPS Act was served upon him and his personal search was conducted in the presence of a Gazetted Officer and 01 kg 04 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession. He also disclosed the name of the person, who was standing outside the car with him as Angrej Singh (petitioner) but he did not know the name of the car driver. Apprehending arrest, petitioner applied for anticipatory bail which has been dismissed by the Ld. Trial Court.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and he is innocent. Nothing is to be recovered from his possession. Learned counsel next contended that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in his favour.

6. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioner had absconded from the spot. He was specifically named in the secret information and co-accused Prabhjot



Singh @ Prabh also disclosed his name as the person, who had escaped from the spot after boarding the car. 01 kg 04 grams of heroin has been recovered from co-accused Prabhjot Singh @ Prabh and petitioner was accompanying him and both of them standing near the car. Learned State counsel contended that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is essential for further investigation of the case and he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

7. It is well settled that the power to grant anticipatory bail is of extra-ordinary nature and is to be sparingly used with circumspection. This court is fortified by the observations made in case of 2022 (4) RCR (Criminal) 968 titled as "*Sachin @ Sachin Ahuja Vs. State of Punjab*". In case of SLP (Crl.) 7940 2023 titled as "*Shri Kant Upadhyay Vs. State of Bihar*", Hon'ble Apex Court has held that grant of interim protection or protection from arrest to an accused in a serious case may lead to miscarriage of justice and may hamper investigation to a great extent as it may sometimes lead to tampering or destruction of evidence. The court is cognizant of the fact that power of anticipatory bail is to be exercised in exceptional circumstances as it may cause some hindrance to normal flow of investigation which would undermine the case of the prosecution.

8. The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. A secret information was received that petitioner along with Prabhjot Singh @ Prabh deals in sale of narcotics and they both are present on Jalandhar, Pathankot road and waiting for their customers. When the police party reached near them, he boarded the car and escaped along with the driver. One person namely Prabhjot Singh @ Prabh was apprehended at the spot



and 01 kg 04 grams of heroin was recovered from him, which falls within commercial quantity. He also disclosed the name of petitioner to be Angrej Singh, who had escaped. In these circumstances, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is essential for further investigation of the case and grant of anticipatory bail will rather hamper the investigation. Moreover, petitioner is not likely to answer the questions in the right earnest in case, he is interrogated under the protective umbrella of the order of ad-interim protection that may be passed by this Court. No doubt, nothing is to be recovered from his possession but the gravity of the offence too is an important factor which has to be taken into consideration while granting anticipatory bail.

9. Resultantly, this Court is of the considered opinion that petitioner does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail and accordingly, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

10. Pending misc. application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

14.10.2025
Priyanka Thakur

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No