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

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**CRM-M-42398-2025
Date of decision: 30.09.2025**

MANPREET SINGH @ MANI**....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present : Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate and
Ms. Taanvi Dhull, 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 to the petitioner in case FIR No.112 dated 11.06.2025 registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana, under Sections 15 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on).

2. On 28.08.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.112 dated 11.06.2025 registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana, under Sections 15 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on).

As per prosecution case, one Major Singh was apprehended by the police on the basis of secret information on 11.06.2025 and during the raid, 60 kg of poppy husk was recovered from his vehicle. On interrogation, he suffered disclosure statement to the effect that petitioner, who is his nephew, had supplied the contraband to him. Apprehending arrest, the petitioner applied for anticipatory bail,



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which has been dismissed by the trial Court.

*Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The disclosure statement of coaccused Major Singh, whereby he has been nominated as an accused is inadmissible in evidence and cannot be looked into. There is no other material to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence and disclosure statement alone cannot be made the basis to deny the benefit of anticipatory bail. Learned counsel next contended that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and he will abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in his favour. In support of his contentions, learned counsel has cited the Judgment reported as Law Finder Doc.id# 2687409, 2025:NCPHHC:2121 titled as “**Sahil Joshi Vs. State of Punjab**”*

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer and argued that the name of the petitioner has emerged during investigation as the main supplier of the contraband and disclosure statement of co-accused Major Singh has pointed towards his role in the present offence indicating his involvement in the illicit drug network and as such, his custodial interrogation is essential to trace the source from where the contraband was arranged and other links of supply and petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail.

Admittedly, no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he was not named in the FIR. His name has cropped up in the disclosure statement of co-accused Major Singh, from whom contraband was recovered. At this stage, there is no other material against the petitioner except disclosure statement of co-accused. There are no call details between the petitioner and the co-accused to point out towards his involvement. As such, it is a case wherein benefit of anticipatory bail should be extended.

*Adjourned to **30.09.2025**. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be*



admitted to ad-interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS/438(2) Cr.P.C.”

- 3. Today, on instructions from Investigating Officer, learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 28.08.2025 and is no longer required for further investigation.
- 4. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 28.08.2025, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.
- 5. Disposed of.
- 6. Pending misc application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

30.09.2025
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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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