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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:24.03.2026

Deepak Khanna

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.18 dated 31.01.2025 under Sections 406, 419, 420, 120-B IPC (Sections 316(2), 319(2), 318(4), 61(2) of BNS) registered at Police Station Gobindgarh Mandi, District Fatehgarh Sahb.

2. On 07.03.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner *inter alia* contends that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR, the complainant had transferred a sum of Rs. 65 lakhs to one Deepak Enterprises for supply of Iron material. He contends that so far as the aforesaid firm i.e. Deepak Enterprises is concerned, the same is run by one Deepak Masih and not the petitioner



herein. He contends that a status report to the said effect was filed by the State before this Court in CRM-M-13917-2025. He submits that despite the petitioner not being a beneficiary or being in receipt of any amount, yet, he has been nominated as an accused.

Counsel further contends that said Deepak Masih has transferred the aforesaid amount to the account of one Hridey Dhanda (petitioner in CRM-M-13917-2025), a Jeweller, from whom he purchased gold. He contends that the said co-accused Hridey Dhanda has already been granted concession of interim bail. He contends that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when so required.

Notice of motion.

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, Asst. A.G. Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

To come up on **24.03.2026**, for further consideration.

To be heard alongwith **CRM-M-13917-2025**.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required by the Investigating Agency. In the event of petitioner joining investigation, he shall be admitted to interim bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds by him to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner joined investigation on 17.03.2026. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.



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4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. 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 07.03.2026 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)

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

March 24, 2026

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Whether speaking

Whether reportable

: Yes/No

: Yes/No