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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 11.05.2026

Manpreet Singh @ Manu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Rajdeep Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.46 dated 01.03.2026, registered under Sections 18, 18-B and 29 of NDPS Act at Police Station Kot Isse Khan, District Moga.

2. In the previous order dated 09.04.2026, it has been inadvertently recorded that 3 Kilograms of poppy husk was recovered from the possession of main accused Gurdev Singh, whereas it is Opium, which was recovered from the main accused.

3. On 09.04.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) As per the allegations, on 01.03.2026, 3 kilograms of Opium was recovered from the possession of main accused Gurdev Singh. Name of the



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petitioner has been surfaced in the present case under Section 29 of NDPS Act, on the basis of the disclosure statement made by the said accused Gurdev Singh.

(iii) Counsel for the petitioner submits that except of the disclosure statement suffered by the accused Gurdev Singh, which is itself inadmissible in the eyes of law, no other incriminating evidence is available with the prosecution against the petitioner. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

(vi) Adjourned to 11.05.2026.

(vii) Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(viii) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

4. Status report by way of an affidavit on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed in the Court today. The same is taken on record.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 02.05.2026, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 09.04.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

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7. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

9. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

11.05.2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:**YES/NO
~~YES~~/NO**