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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:20.03.2026

Deepak Kuamr Goyal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. P. S. Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Keerat Dhillon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gaurav Singla, Advocate, for the complainant.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.13 dated 29.05.2024 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended) Act, 2018 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Bathinda.

2. On 10.07.2024, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Notice served upon the official respondent through State counsel.

The concerned DySP to file/hand over their reply/response/instructions/Status report, positively by the next



date, failing which, this Court might direct the officer superior to them to do so. The reply/response/instructions/Status report shall also mention the following under headings:-

- A. THE ROLE OF THE PETITIONER.
- B. THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- C. NEED FOR POLICE CUSTODY: In case of dismissal of this petition, would the police arrest the petitioner in this FIR?

List on 17.07.2024.

Till the next date of hearing, there shall be stay of arrest of the petitioner.

Counsel for the complainant may also file his reply in the meantime.”

3. Learned Senior Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner joined investigation and has now also read the transcript as was required by the Investigating Officer while giving his voice sample. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, she shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation, and affirms the factum of recording of his voice sample wherein the complainant is also an accused in the connected FIR. 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 10.07.2024 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made



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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 20, 2026

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Whether speaking
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No