

205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CNR No: PHHC010080792026

2026:PHHC:114325



CRM-M-2562-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.08.2026

HARBHAJAN SINGH AND ANOTHER ... PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rajat Dogra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. APS Tung, Advocate for the complainant.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (438 Cr.P.C.) for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.181 dated 24.10.2025 under Sections 126 (2), 118(1), 191 (3), 190, 125 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 (Sections 341, 324, 148, 149, 336 IPC of 1860) and sections 25 and 27 of Act, Arms 1959, [offence under section 118 (2) of BNS, 2023 (326 IPC of 1860) added later on], registered at Police Station Mallanwala, District Ferozepur.

2. The Co-Ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 19.01.2026, had directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation and the petitioner shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner was also ordered to abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 19.01.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and

cooperated with the investigation agency.

4. Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 19.01.2026 is hereby **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.
6. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioner from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Sumit Vs State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.
7. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

18.08.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No