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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-4342-2026

Hardeep Singh Member

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: July 23, 2026

Date of Uploading: July 23, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate and
Ms. Meena, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.0518 dated 18.10.2025, registered for offences punishable under Sections 118(2), 117(2), 118(1), 115(2) and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 28.01.2026, the following order was passed:

“Present petition has been filed seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0518 dated 18.10.2025, registered under Sections 118(2), 117(2), 118(1), 115(2) and 3(5) of BNS, registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the alleged occurrence had took place on 19.09.2025, however, the FIR was lodged 29 days thereafter, i.e. on 18.10.2025. He submits that even otherwise the allegations levelled against the petitioner were enquired and vide G.D. No.22 dated 13.11.2025, the allegations against the petitioner were found to be false. He submits that no prima facie case is made out against the petitioner and he deserves to be granted the concession of anticipatory bail.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Ramta Chowdhary, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

To come up on 18.03.2026.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. He shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023:-

(i) That the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(ii) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.

(iii) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the court.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 28.01.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought by the State; the interim order dated 28.01.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read as granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

July 23, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No