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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-33083-2026

Akash

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: July 14, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Arshad Ali, Advocate for the petitioner
(presence marked through video-conferencing).

Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG 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. 0043
(Annexure P-1) dated 13.04.2026, registered under Section 140 (3) & 61(2)
BNS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 365 & 120-B IPC), at Police Station Lambra,
District Jalandhar.

2. On 08.06.2026, the following order was passed:

*"The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in FIR
No.0043 (Annexure P-1) dated 13.04.2026 under Sections 140(3) & 61(2)
BNS, 2023 (Section 365 and 120-B IPC) registered at Police Station
Lambra, District Jalandhar, Punjab.*

*Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the FIR in question solely on
the basis of the disclosure statement made by co-accused Sakander Singh.
Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any
other case and is willing to join investigation and cooperate as and when
required. He further submits that co-accused Goutam has also been*

granted the concession of interim bail vide order dated 07.05.2026 (Annexure P-3). He further contends that even co-accused Sakander Singh has also been granted regular bail by the Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar vide order dated 02.06.2026.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

List on 06.07.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and to join investigation as and when required. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-

- 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;*
- iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”*

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions ASI Baljinder Singh) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 08.06.2026, 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 for by the State; the interim order dated 08.06.2026 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 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 14, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No