



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

214 CRM-M-7386-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.03.2025

RAUNAK MALIKPetitioner
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Yashjot S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
14	15.01.2025	City Kharar, (SAS Nagar)	303(2), 317(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Section 317(2) of BNS added later on)

2. Vide order dated 10.02.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was ordered to be released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 13.02.2025. Recovery of two motor bikes has been recovered from him. His further custodial interrogation is not required. Learned State counsel has also disclosed that offence under Section 317(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 has been added during investigation.



4. Accordingly, offence under Section 317(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 is ordered to be added in the head note as well as prayer clause of the petition.
5. In the considered opinion of this Court in the given circumstances, the pretrial incarceration of the petitioner is not required. As such, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 10.02.2025 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.
6. It is also made clear that any observation made herein shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

05.03.2025
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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| 1. | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. | <i>Whether reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |