



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M-32750-2025
Decided on: 18.08.2025**

ANIKET LALOTRA ALIAS HONEY**.....PETITIONER****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Mehak Bedi, Advocate
for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Aniket Lalotra	0063	02.06.2025	115(2), 118(1), 351(3), 3(5) BNS 2023 (offence under Section 118(2) BNS added later on).	Taragarh	Pathankot

2. On 18.06.2025 following order was passed:-

“The families of petitioner and first informant are neighbours.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the FIR, he has been attributed a baseball bat injury on the thigh of right leg of the first informant. He is first time offender, aged about 18 years.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State and Ms. Mehak Bedi, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the complainant.

Adjourned to 18.08.2025.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on the interim bail subject to furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the injury which has been attributed to the petitioner on right leg is simple in nature. The petitioner has already joined investigation and he is no more required for custodial interrogation. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. On the other hand, Ms. Mehak Bedi, learned counsel for the complainant appears and submits that as per FIR petitioner has caused injury with baseball bat on the thigh of the right leg and his presence on the spot along with his father is not under dispute.

5. Learned State counsel on instruction confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 19.07.2025

by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties and noted the points addressed by the respective counsels.

7. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation in compliance of order dated 18.06.2025 and custodial interrogation is no more required and there is no point in keeping him behind bars, ad-interim bail order dated 18.06.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

18.08.2025
Sumit Singla

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**