



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-33169-2025
Date of decision: 11.09.2025

SOURAV KUMARPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Devansh Khanna, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH. J.(Oral)

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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sourav Kumar, aged about 25 years	36	18.04.2025	115(2), 118(1), 127(1), 351(2), 191(3) and 190 of BNS (Section 109 of BNS added later on)	Kotwali Nabha	Patiala

2. Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant, and files his *Vakalatnama*, which is taken on record.

3. Status report dated 08.09.2025 by way of an affidavit of Surrender



Sheoran, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bawal, Rewari has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record.

4. On 24.06.2025, following order was passed:-

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that petitioner – Sourav Kumar is neither alleged to be armed with any weapon, nor any specific role has been attributed to him in the FIR. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join investigation and fully cooperate with the investigating agency, if he is protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter. Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and files his vakalatnama in Court today, which is taken on record.

6. Adjourned to 11.09.2025.

7. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating



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Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

5. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 24.06.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

6. Learned State counsel on instructions from the official respondent confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 16.07.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

7. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

8. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 24.06.2025, 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.

9. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

11.09.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No