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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 18.11.2025

Anshu Kumar Pandey

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Gourave Bhayyia Gilhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG Punjab

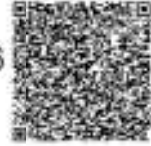
Mr. Harbir Sandhu, Advocate
for the complainant

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 FIR No.101 dated 10.06.2025, under Sections 406, 420 IPC at PS Jamalpur, District Ludhiana.
2. On 19.08.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) 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
Anshu Kumar Pandey	101	10.06.2025	406, 420 IPC	Jamalpur	Ludhiana



(ii) *At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations are based on documentary evidence, and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner would serve no purpose for the prosecution. Counsel further submits that the petitioner is willing to settle the dispute amicably, and as such, does not wish to delve into the alleged factual aspects of the case at this stage. It is also submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation, provided he is granted protection from arrest.*

(iii) *On the oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner, the complainant — Prabhu Kumar Kushwaha, son of Sh. Babulal Bhagat, resident of Andol Post Office, Birhima Bazaar, Police Station Baruraj, District Muzaffarpur, Bihar (presently residing at Street No. 4, Gujjar Colony, Meharban), Mobile No. 84371-74548 — is impleaded as party respondent No. 2.*

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file an amended memo of parties in the Registry within one week from today, without moving any separate application.

(iv) *Notice of motion for 18.11.2025.*

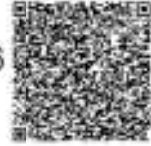
On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

(v) *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on 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.).*

(vi) *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.

(vii) *Let complainant/newly added respondent No.2 be informed about the next date of hearing fixed before this Court by the SHO concerned. ”*



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3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance to the order dated 19.08.2025 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation on 07.10.2025.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 07.10.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 19.08.2025 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.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES/NO
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