

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

2025:PHHC:136350



(214)

**CRM-M-48851-2025
Decided on : 29.09.2025**

Vinod Kumar @ Bhola

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.73 dated 13.07.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 304, 317(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 02.09.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.73 dated 13.07.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 304, 317(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been implicated in the FIR in question solely on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused who is alleged to be involved in purchase of stolen/looted property & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. AG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 29.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 06.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but his further custodial interrogation is required for effecting the recovery of the gold chain in question.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of the alleged gold chain; this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 02.09.2025.

5. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 02.09.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

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 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 off.

September 29, 2025	(SUMEET GOEL)
<i>Naveen</i>	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No