



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-3492-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 20.05.2026.

Mahender Yadav
State of Punjab

VERSUS

....Petitioner.
....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

 Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

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 of petitioner	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Mahender Yadav	66	26.06.2025	303(2), 318(4), 341(2), 61(2) of BNS, 2023.	Sadar, Rajpura	Patiala

2. On 22.01.2026, following order was passed:-

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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the security officer, namely Rabender Kumar, is a co-accused in the present case and has already been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 17.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-58811-2025 (Annexure P-3), on the ground that the aforesaid co-accused had no role in making fraudulent entries pertaining to the entry and exit of trucks. Additionally, co-accused Satish Yadav, has also been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 24.12.2025 passed in CRM-M-73244-2025 (Annexure P-4), and the same is pending for 28.01.2026.*

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that petitioner is not an employee of the complainant-factory and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that he has no connection whatsoever with the business affairs of the said factory. He has been arrayed as an accused without there being any substantial evidence against him, nor there is any material which requires to be recovered or collected at his instance. It is further submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

6. *Adjourned to 28.01.2026.*

To be heard along with CRM-M-73244-2025.

7. *Meanwhile, petitioner shall not be arrested. However, issue of joining of investigation by the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing, after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.”*

3. Status report dated 19.05.2026 filed by learned State counsel, in Court today, is taken on record. Registry to tag the same at an appropriate place.

4. Co-accused Satish Yadav has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 24.03.2026 passed by this Court in CRM-M-73244-2025.

5. In view of this, petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two weeks from today or as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. 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.
7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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