



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

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CRM-M-3856-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.02.2026

Lalit Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Ms. Kamlesh, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.142 dated 12.05.2025, registered under Sections 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 341(2) BNS, at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

2. On 23.01.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner, who was desirous of getting the job as 'Security Guard' for his better future, though he was driver by profession and belongs to poor strata of society, applied for obtaining arms licence, which is essential for the said purpose. In this regard, he also got conducted his three tests for eyes, bone and dope by depositing Rs.1500/-, a receipt whereof has been annexed as Annexure P-2 issued by the DH Ludhiana, Punjab dated 20.06.2024. However, in order to expedite the process, he got in touch with one agent, namely, Vicky, who took money from him for getting the said licence issued, which having been obtained, was submitted before the authorities, but was found to be forged. He otherwise has no criminal antecedents. The petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 31.01.2026. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions

as enshrined under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 18.02.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 23.01.2026 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.
6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

18.02.2026

M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No