



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

207 CRM-M-4756-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 05.05.2026.

Balwinder Singh @ PrincePetitioner.

VERSUS

State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Judgepreet Singh Warring, Advocate and
Mr. Kuldeep Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Gursimran Singh Jossan, 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 of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Balwinder Singh @ Prince	5	07.01.2026	217, 308(2) of BNS	City Jalalabad	Fazilka

2. On 29.01.2026, following order was passed:-

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2. As per the allegations in the FIR lodged by the complainant, Ram Parkash, accused persons, namely i) Balwinder Singh @ Prince (petitioner

herein), ii) Rachhpal Singh, and iii) Balwinder Singh s/o Balvir Singh, have been filing false complaints against the complainant, who is running a liquor business in the area of Jalalabad. The complaints allege that the liquor shop and bars were being run illegally.

It is further alleged that the accused persons issued threats several times via mobile and WhatsApp, demanding money. It is further alleged that on 10.07.2025, petitioner filed a complaint, but after receiving Rs. 35,000 by giving threats, the complaint was withdrawn by entering into a compromise. Subsequently, Rachhpal Singh and petitioner allegedly filed another complaint on 02.12.2025 and again by giving threat, obtained Rs. 45,000.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the entire story is fabricated. There was no occasion for the complainant to pay any amount merely on the demand raised by the petitioner, if the business was being run legally. Moreover, FIR in the instant case was registered on 07.01.2026, after a considerable delay, which indicates that the allegations are a concocted version of events. Counsel submits that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation if he is protected from arrest. Thus, learned counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Notice of motion.

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. Mr. Gursimran Singh Jossan, Advocate appears on behalf of complainant.

5. Adjourned to 05.05.2026.

6. In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. 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.).

7. 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.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 29.01.2026, 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.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Gurpreet Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 25.04.2026 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 29.01.2026, 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.

7. 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.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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