



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

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CRM-M-5506-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 12.03.2026

Piara Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Tejinder Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Jasjit Singh, 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.129 dated 06.11.2025, registered under Sections 316 (5) BNS & 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, at Police Station Ghanie Ke Bangar, District Gurdaspur.

2. On 12.02.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned Senior Counsel *inter alia* contends that the petitioner, who was working as Panchayat Secretary, had the responsibility of writing a resolution of the Panchayat as the Coram was not complete in favour of the Sarpanch, in wake of which an officer senior to him was appointed as Administrator by the Govt., to run the affairs. The resolution for carrying out the development activities in the village was signed by the Administrator, approved by the BDPO, who is the competent authority and it is only on basis thereof that the amount was transferred by a bank transaction to the firm, to which work was allotted. The responsibility to ensure or inspect that the material had been supplied and the work is carried out, is also not that of the petitioner. He is being made a scapegoat, while none of the officers, who were responsible, have been arraigned as an accused. He 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 23.02.2026. 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) of BNSS, 2023.

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 12.03.2026.”

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 DSP Rajesh Kakkar 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 12.02.2026 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

12.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No