



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(204)

CRM-M-5858-2026

Date of Decision: 02.07.2026

Surinder Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Sartaj Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, A.A.G. Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for the grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.213 dated 29.07.2024 (Annexure P-1), registered under Sections 406 and 409 IPC, at Police Station Civil Lines Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

2. On 04.02.2026, the following order was passed by a Coordinate Bench:-

“Learned counsel submits that the petitioner, who is working as Inspector, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, stated to have signed a release order in the year, 2023, which although does not bear his signatures, the FSL sought to be got conducted with regard to the same, vis-a-vis his signatures on account opening form did not match and he has repeatedly joined investigation. He is not involved in any other case and ready to give his specimen signatures, in case, he is permitted to join investigation and will cooperate with the investigating agency.

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 13.02.2026. 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) 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 24.02.2026.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the aforesaid order dated 04.02.2026, the petitioner has duly joined investigation.

4. Learned counsel representing the State of Punjab, on instructions from Inspector Gurmeet Singh, Police Station Civil Line, Batala, Gurdaspur, who is present in Court, submits that in compliance of the order dated 04.02.2026, the petitioner has duly joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In view of the fact that the petitioner has duly joined investigation and keeping in view the statement given by learned counsel representing the State of Punjab, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 04.02.2026 is made absolute, subject to compliance of the provisions as envisaged under Section 482 (2)BNSS.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

July 02, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No