



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.6402 of 2026
Date of decision : 5.3.2026
Date of uploading : 6.3.2026

Kunal NagpalPetitioner
Versus
State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 5.2.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.101 dated 24.04.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420 & 120B IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Act, 2014, at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the transaction(s) in question upon which the FIR in question is based pertains to the year 2021/2022 whereas the FIR in question was registered in the year 2025, the main accused namely Arpana Sangotra & Sanjay Singh stand arrested and are in custody & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 05.03.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 10.02.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer,



the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. '

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 5.2.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
3. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 5.2.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 5.2.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
4. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
5. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
6. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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