



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

CRM-M-6140-2026

Date of Decision: 24.03.2026

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Manjeet Singh Nagi @ Manjit Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present:- Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Avinash Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2-complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.118 dated 05.09.2025, under Sections 420 and 120-B of IPC & Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulations) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

On 24.02.2026, the following order was passed:

“Status report by way of affidavit of Gurdeep Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Airport), Amritsar City has been filed in Court today. The same be kept on record. Copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Inter alia, contends that the petitioner was merely

known to one Harpal (who was owning/running the immigration agency); the petitioner has indeed received some money from the FIR-complainant but the same was transferred to said Harpal & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Put up on 24.3.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 5.3.2026 at 11:00 AM 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 from ACP Gurdeep Singh, submits that pursuant to the order dated 24.02.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required except for recovering the money in question.
3. Learned counsel for respondent No.2-complainant has submitted that there are direct/serious allegations against the petitioner and in case, he is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that he may abscond from the process of justice as also interfere in prosecution evidence. Learned counsel for the complainant has further submitted that the money in question is yet to be recovered from the petitioner & hence, he has sought for dismissal of the petition in hand.
4. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record, especially, the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation is sought for only for recovery of money in question, this Court is inclined to

confirm the order dated 24.02.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 24.02.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

March 24, 2026
Yag Dutt

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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