



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

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Date of Decision: 07.04.2026.

(1) CRM-M-6193-2026

Sourav BhardwajPetitioner.
VERSUS
State of PunjabRespondent.

WITH

(2) CRM-M-7389-2026

Manav @ Manav SinghPetitioner.
VERSUS
State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner (in CRM-M-6193-2026).

Ms. Gaganbir Kaur Kahlon, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-7389-2026).

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Sourav Bhardwaj (in CRM-M-6193-2026) and petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh (in CRM-M-7389-2026), have filed the aforementioned petitions under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.262 dated 29.12.2025 under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 191(3), 190, 351(2) of BNS, registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

2. After hearing learned counsel for the parties, on 03.02.2026, the following order was passed by this Court in CRM-M-6193-2026:-

“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 & age of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sourav Bhardwaj, aged about 20 years	262	29.12.2025	115(2), 118(1), 191(3), 190, 351(2) of BNS	Mukerian	Hoshiarpur

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that incident in the present case is alleged to have taken place on 25.12.2025 at around 9.00 p.m., when the complainant, Avtar Singh, was proceeding on his scooter for some personal work. It is alleged that all the accused persons intercepted the complainant and caused injuries to him.
3. As per the allegations, petitioner, namely Sourav Bhardwaj, is stated to have given a *dattar* blow on the head of the injured complainant Avtar Singh. It is further alleged that he also inflicted a *dattar* blow from its reverse side on the right arm and left bicep of the complainant. Another co-accused, namely Manav, is alleged to have given four consecutive danda blows on the left knee, left leg, right leg, and left arm of the complainant, while another unknown person is alleged to have given a *danda* blow on the right knee.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that none of the injuries has been declared grievous or serious in nature, nor there is any medical opinion to the effect that injuries suffered by the complainant Avtar Singh were dangerous to life. It is further submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.
5. Notice of motion.
6. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.
7. Adjourned to 07.04.2026.
8. Meanwhile, petitioner shall not be arrested. However, issue of joining of investigation by the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing, after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.”

3. Similarly, on 09.02.2026, following order was passed by this

Court in CRM-M-7389-2026:-

“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 & age of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Manav alias Manav Singh, aged 19 years	262	29.12.2025	115(2), 118(1), 191(3), 190, 351(2) of BNS	Mukerian	Hoshiarpur

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that incident in the present case is alleged to have taken place on 25.12.2025 at around 9.00 p.m., when the complainant, Avtar Singh, was proceeding on his scooter for some personal work. It is alleged that all the accused persons intercepted the complainant and caused injuries to him.

3. As per the allegations, co-accused, namely Sourav Bhardwaj, is stated to have given a *dattar* blow on the head of the injured-complainant Avtar Singh. It is further alleged that he also inflicted a *dattar* blow from its reverse side on the right arm and left bicep of the complainant. However, petitioner, namely Manav, is alleged to have given four consecutive *danda* blows on the left knee, left leg, right leg, and left arm of the complainant, while another unknown person is alleged to have given a *danda* blow on the right knee.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that none of the injuries has been declared grievous or serious in nature, nor there is any medical opinion to the effect that injuries suffered by the complainant Avtar Singh were dangerous to life. It is further submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, if protected from arrest by this Court.

Additionally, counsel for the petitioner submits that coaccused namely Sourav Bhardwaj has also been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.02.2026 passed in CRM-M-6193-2026 (Annexure P-3). Thus, counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

7. Adjourned to 07.04.2026.

To be heard along with CRM-M-6193-2026.

8. Meanwhile, petitioner shall not be arrested. However, issue of joining of investigation by the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing, after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.”

4. Today, learned State counsel has filed the status report in petition (CRM-M-7389-2026) and submits that injury attributed to petitioner-Sourav Bhardwaj is with *datar* on the head of injured-Avtar Singh and same was found as ‘grievous’, whereas petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh is attributed total four injuries to injured-Avtar Singh and all these four injuries were on both legs, however, the same were declared ‘simple in nature’. The role of each of the accused detailed in tabulated form in the status report is reproduced hereunder:-

Injury No. as per MLR	Name of Accused	Name of injured	Weapon used	Seat of injury	Offence made out after declaration of injury	Nature of injury declared
1	Saurav Bhardawaj	Avtar Singh	Datar	On head	118(2)	Grievous
2	Manav	Avtar Singh	Stick	On left knee	115(2)	Simple
3	Manav	Avtar Singh	Stick	On right leg	115(2)	Simple
4	Manav	Avtar Singh	Stick	On left leg	115(2)	Simple
5	Unknown person	Avtar Singh	Stick	On right knee	115(2)	Simple
6	Saurav Bhardawaj	Avtar Singh	Reverse blow of Datar	On right arm	115(2)	Simple
7	Manav	Avtar Singh	Danda	On left arm	115(2)	Simple
8	Saurav Bhardawaj	Avtar Singh	Reverse blow of Datar	On left bicep	115(2)	Simple

5. There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner (in CRM-M-6193-2026.

6. I have considered the submissions addressed and submissions recorded in the previous orders and also gone through the status report filed in

Court today.

7. Considering the role of petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh, though causing four injuries with a stick, but the fact that injuries have been caused on non vital part of the body and the nature of the injuries is declared simple, I deem it appropriate to **allow the petition (CRM-M-7389-2026)** filed by petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh and he is directed to join investigation within next two weeks or as and when asked by Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

8. Besides, petitioner-Manav @ Manav Singh would submit/ surrender his passport before the Arresting Officer and an undertaking on oath that in case of leaving the Country, he would seek prior permission from the concerned Court.

9. As far as petitioner-Sourav Bhardwaj (in CRM-M-6193-2026) is concerned, since he is attributed *datar* blow that too on vital part of the body i.e. head of injured-Avtar Singh, resulting into cause of grievous injury falling under Section 118(2) of BNS, I do not find any special reason to grant bail to him. Accordingly, his petition stands **dismissed**.

11. **Petitions stand disposed of accordingly.**

12. Photocopy of this order be placed on the connected file.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

07.04.2026

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