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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 07.05.2026

Lovepreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Mikhail Kad, Advocate
for the petitioner (through V.C.)

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

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 FIR No.236 dated 11.12.2025, under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 190, 304, 117(2) of BNS at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

2. On 05.02.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR, petitioner is only attributed the role of having raised a lalkara. It is further submitted that the allegation regarding snatching of a gold chain belonging to the complainant, Bhupinder Singh, was introduced subsequently by way of a supplementary statement recorded on 21.12.2025, i.e. after an unexplained delay of ten days.

(iii) Moreover, there is no allegation whatsoever that petitioner inflicted any injury upon any person or he was armed with any weapon at the time of the occurrence. Thus, learned counsel submits that no custodial interrogation of the

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petitioner is warranted and, accordingly, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) 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.

(vi) Adjourned to 07.05.2026.

(vii) Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(viii) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 10.02.2026, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

4. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 05.02.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

5. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.



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7. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

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JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES/~~NO~~
~~YES~~/NO