

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PIIIIC C39006



(217)

CRM-M-8114-2026
Decided on: 12.03.2026
Uploaded on: 13.03.2026

Raja @ Ramesh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Deepika Verma, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail in the case arising out of FIR No.16 dated 29.02.2024, registered under Sections 323, 324, 341, 120-B, 148, 149, 506 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on), Police Station Dhilwan, District Kapurthala.
2. On 12.02.2026, the following order was passed:

“Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been ascribed the role of giving a simple injury with reverse side of Kirpan on the bicep of a witness namely Sajjan Singh; petitioner is a man of clean antecedents & petitioner is ready to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab, has caused appearance on behalf of the official respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 12.03.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 18.02.2026 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 the BNSS.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but his custodial interrogation is required for effecting the recovery of *kirpan* alleged to have been used in the offence in question.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation being sought for recovery of *kirpan* alleged to have been used in the offence in question; this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 12.02.2026.

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.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

12.03.2026

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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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