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

CRM-M-8343-2026**Date of Decision:02.04.2026**

Gobind Ram alias Gobind Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY**Present:** Mr. Vipul Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. By virtue of the present petition under Section 482 BNSS, petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.304 dated 25.11.2025 registered under Sections 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka, has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Kewal Krishan, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 12.02.2026 following order was passed by this Court:-

“This is the first petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 304 dated 25.11.2025, registered under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka.

Briefly stated, as per the prosecution version, the petitioner is alleged to have been found in possession of about 25½ bottles of illicit liquor. The case was registered on the basis of secret information and alleged recovery effected by the police party. The petitioner, however, asserts that no recovery was effected from him and that he has been falsely implicated due to previous altercation and enmity with the

police, alleging that the recovery has been planted upon him.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sahil Chowdhary, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that the petitioner is not entitled to such concession. It is submitted that he was apprehended at the spot and the recovery of illicit liquor was effected from him, therefore, his custodial interrogation may be required.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the prima facie view that the recovery in question has already been effected and nothing remains to be recovered from the petitioner.

Consequently, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail, subject to his joining the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer and subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall comply with the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

List on 06.03.2026.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 12.02.2026 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

5. The petition stands allowed.

6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

02.04.2026

Parveen kumar

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