

2026.PHHC.079200



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

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CRM-M-9003-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.05.2026

RAHUL SHARMA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Gaurav Verma, Advocate and Mr. Ajay Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Kaile, DAG, Haryana.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0011, dated 07.01.2026, under Sections 305, 331(4) BNS, registered at Police Station Bhiwani Sadar, District Bhiwani.

2. On 17.02.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that there is no allegation against the petitioner of having stolen the items, though of purchasing the same. He is a small shopkeeper/junk dealer and it is in the course of his business that he purchased items and was unaware of the same to have been stolen. Co-accused, who are alleged to have stolen the items, are on bail. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. B.S. Saroha, DAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 25.02.2026. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 09.03.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 17.02.2026 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

20.05.2026

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