



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8471-2026

KULWANT RAM @ KULWANT SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 17.03.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Shakit Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.0083 dated 26.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B, 506 IPC, at Police Station Sehna, District Barnala, Punjab.

2. On 17.02.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0083 dated 26.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B, 506 IPC, at Police Station Sehna, District Barnala; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the son of the complainant was married to the daughter of the petitioner (Kulwant Ram) & the couple had left for abroad on 15.03.2023/16.09.2023 and the FIR in question is an off-shoot of the matrimonial dispute between them, the petitioner is a man aged 48 years with clean antecedents & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and



cooperate therein. In order to buttress his arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the dicta of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar and another, AIR 2014 SC 2756 and Mohd. Asfak Alam Vs. The State of Jharkhand and another, 2023 AIR SC 3610.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 17.03.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 21.02.2026 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 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023."

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 17.02.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and is no longer required by the State for further custodial interrogation, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 17.02.2026, granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. 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.

- 7. 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, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
- 8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
- 9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

17.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No