



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

210 CRM-M-9544-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 13.05.2026.

Manpreet RamPetitioner.
State of Punjab VERSUSRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Ishant Arora, Advocate for
Mr. Mohit Sadana, Advocate for the petitioner.

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 First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Manpreet Ram	300	01.12.2025	318(4), 336(3), 340(2) of BNS	Patran	Patiala

2. On 19.02.2026, following order was recorded:-

“This petition for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS, has been filed by petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.300 dated 01.12.2025 registered against him at Police Station Patran, District Patiala, for the commission of offences punishable u/s 318(4), 336(3), 340(2) of BNS.
Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been

falsely implicated in the present case. No specific allegations have been levelled against the petitioner except that on the particular day, he (P) along with other accused had taken Rs.5 lakhs from complainant. Learned counsel contends that the fact that FIR was registered after an unexplained delay of more than one and half years itself raises doubt on the genuineness of the story put forth by the complainant. In any case, petitioner is ready and willing to amicably resolve the dispute with complainant and to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer.

Heard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Jatinderpal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 09.04.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

Notice to complainant be also issued for the date fixed.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 19.02.2026, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, learned counsel prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated

19.02.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, 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.

7. 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.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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