



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

208 CRM-M-9264-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 13.05.2026.

Karanbir SinghPetitioner.
VERSUS
State of Punjab and anotherRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Sarbjit Singh Khaira, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate for the complainant.

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
Karanbir Singh	24	31.01.2026	329(3), 61(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984	Division-B	District Police Commission erate, Amritsar

2. On 17.02.2026, following order was recorded:-

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2. Prime contention is that dispute regarding the construction over the plot is already pending before the Civil Court, in a suit filed by the

petitioner for permanent injunction, and in which, vide order dated 30th September 2025, ex-parte injunction has already been granted by restraining the complainant – Harmeet Singh, from raising any further construction over the suit property.

Describing the role of the petitioner, it is being submitted that complainant was in fact, constructing a building for a PG facility and on request of the petitioner herein, it was sealed by the Municipal Committee. However, said seal was broken by the petitioner and one Karanbir Singh.

3. *Learned counsel contends that in fact installed seal was never broken by the petitioner, rather, required information was seen to the Municipal Committee. To pressurize the petitioner, a false criminal case has been got registered by the complainant. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to respond to the submissions addressed by learned counsel opposite, after seeking instructions. And, in case of necessity, to file status report.*

6. *At this stage, Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2 and files his memo of appearance. Same is taken on record. He undertakes to file his Vakalatnama in due course of time.*

7. *Adjourned to 13.05.2026.*

8. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

9. *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.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 17.02.2026, 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 17.02.2026, 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)
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