



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH.

204 CRM-M-9260-2026 (O&M).  
Date of Decision: 14.05.2026.

Ashu ....Petitioner.  
VERSUS  
State of Punjab ....Respondent.  
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CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH  
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Present: None for the petitioner.  
  
Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.  
  
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**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 |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Ashu                  | 129     | 24.09.2025 | 305, 115(2), 331(6), 324(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS | City-2 Abohar  | Fazilka  |

2. On 17.02.2026, following order was recorded:-

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends, that present FIR is essentially a counter-blast to a criminal case registered at the instance of a relative of the petitioner, i.e. FIR No.125 dated 19.09.2025 under Sections 115(2), 331(6), 326, 351, 324(2), 191(3), and 190 of BNS at Police Station City-2, Abohar. Elaborating on the background, counsel submits that complainant – Sunita, and petitioner, Sameer, are neighbours,

*and at one point, complainant's son had an altercation with a relative of the petitioner, which eventually resulted in the registration of FIR No. 125 (supra).*

3. *With respect to the subsequent incident forming the basis of impugned FIR No. 129, it is alleged that petitioner gave a danda blow on the back of the complainant, which was found to be simple in nature. The underlying cause of animosity between the parties, as stated, relates to one Ashu, who allegedly used to sell betting slips in front of the complainant's house. When the complainant objected, certain accused persons were allegedly brought to assault the complainant and her family and to steal articles. Injuries sustained by the complainant's husband are stated to be simple in nature. It is further submitted that petitioner expresses willingness to join the investigation and fully cooperate, provided he is protected from arrest.*

4. *Besides above, learned State counsel also refers to order dated 09.02.2026 (P-3), passed by this Court in the case of similarly situated co-accused, Sameer, i.e., CRM-M-65985-2025, titled as, "Sameer v. State of Punjab", vide which, interim bail granted to said coaccused vide order dated 21.11.2025, has been made made absolute. Therefore, claiming party and also on the basis of above factual aspects, learned counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *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.*

7. *Adjourned to 21.04.2026.*

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. 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.

4. Heard.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)**  
**JUDGE**

**14.05.2026**  
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No  
Whether Reportable : Yes/ No