

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:060651



(103)

CRM-M-9492-2026 (O&M)
Decided on: 22.4.2026
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Lovish AroraPetitioner(s)
Versus
State of HaryanaRespondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Shubham Bhardwaj, Mr. Swayam Bansal and
Ms. Depinder Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Kshitij Sharma, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Tamanna Banwala, Mr. Shubhkarman Singh Gill and
Mr. Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti, Advocate for the complainant.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.19 dated 21.01.2026 registered for offences punishable under Sections 115, 140(3), 190, 191(3) and 351(3) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 06.03.2026, the following order was passed:

“Inter alia contends that in the first complaint dated 20.01.2026 made to the Director General of Police, Punjab, the petitioner was not named; the dispute essentially emanates from the commercial transactions

between co-accused, namely Vineet Arora and the FIR-complainant, namely, Gaurav; the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Put up on 06.04.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 09.03.2026 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. Thereafter, on 06.04.2026, the following order was passed:

“The petitioner(s) is/are directed to rejoin investigation on 10.4.2026 at 11:00 a.m. before the concerned Investigating Officer in the concerned police station in terms of order earlier passed by this Court.

Put up on 22.4.2026.

Be shown in the urgent cause list.

Interim order to continue.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the connected case file.”

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Mani Kumar) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4.1. Learned senior counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against the petitioner are serious in nature and in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the

likelihood that he may interfere with the investigation as also intimidate the witnesses and also the FIR-complainant.

5. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not sought for custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 06.03.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

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 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 off.

22.4.2026

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**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No