

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:058664



(106)

CRM-M-10074-2026 (O&M)
Decided on: 20.4.2026
Uploaded on: 20.4.2026

Kundan Lal

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Amit Jain, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Ms. Shreya Agarwal-complainant in person.
(Through V.C.).

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case registered against him vide FIR No.0026 dated 14.02.2025 under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340 and 61 of the BNS 2023, at Police Station Rozka Meo, District Nuh.

2. On 11.03.2026, the following order was passed:

“Inter alia, contends that the petitioner is a man aged 77 years with clean antecedents, the FIR in question essentially have civil overtones, the FIR in question has been registered on account of a legal notice/communication given by the counsel of

de facto complainant, which is not tenable in law & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Put up on 25.3.2026.

Be shown in the urgent cause list.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 13.3.2026 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. Superintendent of Police, Nuh is directed to file an affidavit alienating therein as to how the communication by a counsel for a litigant was entertained, registered as an FIR and even a statement under Section 180 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (erstwhile Section 161 of Cr.P.C.) of said counsel was recorded.”

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

3.1. The complainant, who appears in person (through V.C.), 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.

4. 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 11.03.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made

absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.4.2026

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**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No