



219 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-9975-2026
Date of Decision:02.04.2026

Sunil Kundal @ Sunil Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Aman Pal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Rishabh Chaudhary, Advocate and
Mr. Balraj, Advocate and
Mr. Rajender Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. By virtue of the present petition under Section 482 BNSS, petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.113 dated 25.04.2025 registered under Sections 420/465/467/468/120-B IPC, at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. Status report dated 01.04.2026 by way of affidavit of Mr. Gur Iqbal Singh (PPS), Assistant Commissioner of Police (Civil Lines), Ludhiana, has been filed. The same is taken on record. In para 4 thereof, factum of petitioner having joined the investigation has been mentioned. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Mohan Lal states that the petitioner is not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 19.02.2026 following order was passed by this Court:-

“Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.113 dated 25.04.2025, registered under

Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 120-B IPC at Police Station Division No.5, Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that the loan in question with regard to the property situated in Ludhiana was obtained by the borrower of which the complainant was the guarantor and mortgagor, from Punjab & Sindh Bank, IBD, Delhi, regarding which FIR No.57 dated 15.04.2022 has been registered against the officials of the said branch, while the petitioner, who was Branch Incharge at Chandigarh, was authorised under SARFAESI Act by the Head Office and filed application under Section 14 of the Act before the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, which was filed on 07.02.2018 but no action was taken thereon. He acted upon in pursuance to his duty. Thereafter, the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2020. He further submits that co-accused Dorje Dundup Negi @ D.D. Negi, against whom similar allegations have been levelled, was granted ad interim anticipatory bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 04.09.2025, passed in CRM-M-49169 of 2025, which has been confirmed vide order dated 30.10.2025. He further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required and co-operate with the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file status report.

Adjourned to 02.04.2026.

In the meanwhile, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed. He shall join the investigation and co-operate with the investigating agency and shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court. Investigating Officer through learned State counsel is directed to inform the complainant about the pendency of this petition and file compliance report.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the

investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 19.02.2026 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

5. The petition stands allowed.
6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

02.04.2026*Parveen kumar*

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No
Whether reportable :Yes/No