



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

209 CRM-M-10479-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 06.05.2026.

Baldev SinghPetitioner.
State of PunjabRespondent.
VERSUS

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Rahil Arora, 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
Baldev Singh	278	15.12.2025	333, 118(1), 115(2) 351(2), 324(4), 191, 190 of BNS (318(2) of BNS added later on)	Sadar Faridkot	Faridkot

2. On 27.03.2026, following order was passed:-
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2. On the last date of hearing, detailed order was passed, vide which following directions were issued:-
“Petitioner, an accused in case FIR No.278 dated 15.12.2025,

registered against him for the commission of offences punishable u/s 333, 118(1), 115 (2), 351(2), 324(4), 191, 190 of BNS (Section 318(2) of BNS added later on) at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot, has filed the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail u/s 482 BNS.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner, a 76 years old senior citizen, ex-Sarpanch and Nambardar of Village Ghugiana with deep roots in society, has been falsely implicated in the present case only on account of political rivalry arising out of Block Samiti and Zila Parishad Elections.

Continuing further learned counsel contends that the falsity of the case set up by complainant against the petitioner is apparent from the fact that in the complaint, complainant alleged that before unruly incident occurred at his house, he accompanied by his wife and mother had gone to cast their votes at the polling station, where petitioner met them and had exhorted others to eliminate him, as also had raised derogatory words in the name of caste. However, after verifying the facts Investigating Officer was of the opinion that petitioner did pass any casteist remarks. DDR No.16 dated 19.01.2026 to this effect was recorded.

It is further submission of learned counsel that petitioner was not present at the site when complainant was allegedly assaulted by other accused. Only with view to falsely implicate him, frivolous allegations have been levelled by complainant that he was assaulted by other accused at instance of present petitioner. Thus, the custodial interrogation of petitioner is not needed, for nothing is to be recovered from him. Nonetheless, being a law abiding citizen, he is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

Heard.

Documents on record perused.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 27.03.2026.

In the meantime, no coercive action shall be taken against the present petitioner.”

In continuation thereof, petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Adjourned to 06.05.2026.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 27.03.2026, 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 from SI Satpal Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 02.04.2026 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation. He further submits that petitioner has furnished affidavit that he does not possess any Passport.

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 27.03.2026, 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. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of accordingly.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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