

2026:PHHC:074187

206 (2nd case)**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
CRM-M-11080-2026**

Ajay Kumar Narwal

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 12, 2026**Date of Uploading: May 12, 2026****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL****Present:** Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Amit Aggarwal, Advocate for the complainant.

***********SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)**

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.0267 dated 03.12.2025, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the IPC, 1860, at Police Station Samana (Sadar Samana), District Patiala, Punjab.

2. On 19.03.2026, the following order was passed:

“Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of affidavit dated 15.03.2026 of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Circle Samana, District Patiala. The same be kept on record. A copy of the same has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the genesis of the FIR in question is at the most a money a dispute, a mutual compromise dated 01.08.2022 (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-4 with the present petition) was earlier effected between the rival private parties & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

List on 27.04.2026.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M-2022-2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 24.03.2026 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. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 19.03.2026, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custody interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought for by the State; the interim order dated 19.03.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

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, 2023 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 of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 12, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No