

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026.PHHC.045998



(111)

CRM-M-10910-2026
Decided on: 24.03.2026
Uploaded on: 24.03.2026

Naib Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Manu Gupta, Advocate &
Mr. Sumit Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sagar Bansal, Advocate for the complainant.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0021 dated 20.01.2026 registered for offences punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Sahnewal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.
2. On 24.02.2026, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0021 dated 20.01.2026 registered for offences punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Sahnewal, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana; the petitioner has

preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the genesis of the FIR in question is actually a dispute emanating from the death of the son of the petitioner whereas the FIR-complainant is the widow of the said deceased son, the petitioner is a man aged 66 years with clean antecedents & is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as also willing to settle the matter amicably.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

At this stage; Mr. Gaurav Vir Singh Behl, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of the complainant.

At this stage; learned counsel for the rival private parties are ad idem that there may be chances of amicable settlement between the parties and, thus, a joint request has been made to refer the matter to the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Accordingly, the parties (through their respective counsel) are directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court at 10:00 AM on 05.03.2026, to explore the possibilities of the settlement/compromise.

Put up alongwith the report of the Mediator on 24.03.2026.

Be taken up in the urgent cause list.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 27.02.2026 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. The mediation proceedings were initiated between the rival private parties, but the same did not fructify.

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

5. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against the said 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.

6. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 24.02.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

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

24.03.2026

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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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