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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
CRM-M-11277-2026

Nitin Verma alias Nitin Kumar

....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. Pardeep Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.29 dated 10.02.2026, registered under Sections 331(6), 115(2), 351(2), 191(3) & 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, at Police Station Dakha, Ludhiana Rural.

2. On 26.02.2026, the following order was passed:

"The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.29 dated 10.02.2026 registered under Sections 331(6), 115(2), 351(2), 191(3) & 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Dakha, Ludhiana Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. No such incident, as has been alleged in the FIR, has occurred as the function of Jagger was on 01.02.2026, though in the FIR it has been mentioned that the same was on 01.01.2026. He further submits that there is a delay of 40 days in registration of FIR if the version in the FIR is taken on its face value. He further submits that the alleged injuries are also simple in nature and no recovery is to be made from the petitioner. He also submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

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

Adjourned to 27.04.2026.

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 country without prior permission of this Court. Investigating Officer, through learned State counsel, shall inform the pendency of the present petition and next date of hearing to the complainant and submit compliance report."

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 26.02.2026, 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 26.02.2026 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