



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

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**CRM-M No.11088 of 2026
Date of decision : 25.3.2026
Date of uploading : 25.3.2026**

**Sukhwinder Singh @ Kulwinder Singh @ Kinder and another
.....Petitioners**

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

**Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate, for the petitioners
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab**

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 25.2.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending their arrest in FIR No.117 dated 21.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 61/1/14 of the Excise Act, at Police Station Khui Khera, District Fazilka; the petitioners have 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 petitioners have been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the alleged recovery of 100 liters of lahan is from the open field and the petitioners cannot be attributed sole/exclusive possession thereof & the petitioners are willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 25.03.2026.

The petitioners are directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 05.03.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on interim bail subject to their furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting



Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioners shall join the investigation. They shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. '

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 25.2.2026, the petitioners have joined investigation and are no longer required for custodial interrogation.
3. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 25.2.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 25.2.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
4. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioners 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.
5. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioners violate any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
6. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

25.3.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No