



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

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**CRM-M No.12266 of 2026
Date of decision : 7.4.2026
Date of uploading : 7.4.2026**

Gagandeep Singh @ Raja**Petitioner**
Versus
State of Punjab**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 7.3.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.176 dated 14.11.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur; 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 petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question; assuming arguendo, the prosecution version available at this juncture is taken to be correct, the sole basis of implicating the petitioner is the disclosure statement of the co-accused from whose possession 16 live cartridges already stands recovered; no effective recovery is to be made from the petitioner & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law. 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.

Adjourned to 07.04.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 11.03.2026 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.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 7.3.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
3. In view of the above, the instant petition is allowed. Interim order dated 7.3.2026, 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 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.
5. 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.
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

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