

2026:PHHC:069455

209 (1st case)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12195-2026

Mandeep Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 05, 2026

Date of Uploading: May 05, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

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.14 dated 04.03.2024, registered under Sections 326, 325, 324, 323, 34 of the IPC, 1860 (Section 201 of IPC added later on), at Police Station Rangar Nangal Batala, District Batala (Gurdaspur).

2. On 01.04.2026, the following order was passed:

“Short reply dated 31.03.2026 in the form of an affidavit of Dr. Mehtab Singh, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same be taken on record.

Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question; assuming arguendo, the prosecution version is taken to be correct, the petitioner is stated to have caused an injury which is simple in nature. The petitioner is a man with clean antecedents. The order declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender has been stayed vide an order of even date i.e. 01.04.2026, passed in CRM-M-13874-2026 & the petitioner is willing to join the investigation and cooperate therein.

Adjourned to 05.05.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 06.04.2026 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 the BNSS.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 01.04.2026, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial 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 01.04.2026 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 05, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No