



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

202/2 CRM-M-12264-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 04.05.2026.

Sukhjit SinghPetitioner.
State of PunjabRespondent.
VERSUS

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Prabhdeep Singh Bhandari, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Vishal Tartyal, Advocate for
Mr. Praneet S. Grewal, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sukhjit	266	21.10.2025	109,126(2),115(2), 351(2),351(3)191(3), 190 BNS (Section 117(2) added later on)	Bhawanigarh	Sangrur

2. On 11.03.2026, following order was passed:-

“xxx xxx

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the

petitioner, a young boy aged 19 years with no criminal past has been falsely implicated in the present case. In the complaint lodged by the complainant, no specific injury was attributed to the present petitioner though one of the injured namely Gagandeep Singh in his statement recorded later alleged that the petitioner, had given stick blow on the left eye. Said injury as per learned counsel for the petitioner has been declared as 'Simple' in nature.

It is further submission of learned counsel that out of three accused, who have been arrested, two have been extended the concession of bail by Coordinate Bench of this Court. He fairly submits that bail application of co-accused Jagsir @ matando stands dismissed. Nonetheless, petitioner having clean antecedents is ready to join the investigation as and when called for.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for some time to file status report. Mr. Parneet Grewal, Advocate has put in appearance for the complainant and filed his Vakalatnama. He opposes the request for grant of bail on the ground that the other accomplices of petitioner unleashed an attack on the complainant and when his two friends came to his (c) rescue, they were also brutally beaten up by said persons.

List on 04.05.2026.

In view of submissions raised by learned counsel for the parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and cooperate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS."

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 11.03.2026, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sarabjeet Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the

investigation on 23.03.2026 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 11.03.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

04.05.2026

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