

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:057088



(210)

CRM-M-13482-2026  
Decided on: 16.4.2026  
Uploaded on: 16.4.2026

Sajan Setia

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. D.S. Randhawa, Advocate for  
Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate for the petitioner (s).  
  
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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**Sumeet Goel (Oral):**

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.143 dated 19.10.2025, registered for offences punishable under Sections 108, 3(5) of the BNS (old Sections 306, 34 of IPC), at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.
2. On 12.03.2026, the following order was passed:

*“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.143 dated 19.10.2025, registered for offences punishable under Sections 108, 3(5) of the BNS (old Sections 306, 34 of IPC), at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.*

*Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, no active role is ascribable to the petitioner for which deceased had committed suicide, no effective recovery is to be made from the petitioner. In order to*

*buttress his argument(s), learned counsel relies upon dicta of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Mohit Singhal and another versus The State of Uttarakhand and others, 2024(1) RCR (Criminal) 72 and Abhinav Mohan Delk Abhinav Mohan Delkar versus The State of Maharashtra & Ors., 2025 INSC 990. The petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.*

*Notice of motion.*

*On the strength of advance service of copy of petition, Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State of Punjab.*

*Put up on 16.04.2026.*

*The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 17.03.2026 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.”*

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 12.03.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

16.4.2026

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(SUMEET GOEL)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No