

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

Sr. No.210

**CRM-M-13213-2026
Date of Decision: 25.03.2026**

RISHI KATOCH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present:- Ms. Bindu Bala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Hans, AAG, Punjab.

MANDEEP PANNU, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0164, dated 11.12.2025, under Sections 21(1) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 303(2) of BNS 2023 (corresponding to Section 379 IPC), registered at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot.
2. This Court vide order dated 11.03.2026 while issuing notice of motion, granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner, subject to his joining the investigation.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the order dated 11.03.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation.
4. Learned State counsel does not controvert the said fact and further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

5. In view of the above, the order dated 11.03.2026 is made absolute.
6. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

25.03.2026
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(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No