

2026:PHHC:069470

209 (2nd case)**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-13874-2026**

Mandeep Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 05, 2026

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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 528 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking quashing of the order dated 30.07.2025 (Annexure P-4), whereby, the petitioner has been declared as proclaimed person, 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 Harish Behal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Sri Hargobindpur, Police District Batala has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same be taken on record.

Inter alia, it is contended that the petitioner has been declared a proclaimed offender in derogation of the mandatory provisions of law.

To be heard along with CRM-M-12195-2026 on 05.05.2026.

Operation of the impugned order shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.”

3. In connected petition bearing No.CRM-M-12195-2026, the petitioner was afforded concession of interim anticipatory bail, vide order dated 01.04.2026, which stands confirmed vide order of even date, i.e., 05.05.2026.

4. Since the petitioner has already caused appearance before the police and has joined investigation and has been granted concession of anticipatory bail, the petition in hand ought to be allowed and the impugned order dated 30.07.2025, whereby, the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person, deserved to be **quashed**.

5. Ordered accordingly.

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

7. 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