



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

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**CRM-M No.14786 of 2026
Date of decision : 23.4.2026
Date of uploading : 24.4.2026**

Gourav JoshiPetitioner
Versus
State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, Advocate and
Mr. Parveen Chauhan, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Advocate, for the complainant

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 18.3.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.395 dated 09.12.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 108, 351(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the petitioner and the deceased as also son of the deceased had business dealings, for which money were due qua the deceased, the act of asking for money cannot said to be an act of abetment, the petitioner is a man with clean antecedents & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law. In order to buttress his arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the dicta of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in



Mohit Singhal & Anr. Vs. The CRM-M-State of Uttarkhand & Ors., 2024 (1) SCC 417 and Abhinav Mohan Delkar Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others, 2025 AIR SC 3823.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 23.04.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 23.03.2026 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.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 18.3.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of the above, the instant petition is allowed. Interim order dated 18.3.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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