

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:070102



(208)

CRM-M-14687-2026
Decided on: 06.05.2026
Uploaded on: 06.05.2026

Zaid Ahmed Khan

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.301 dated 10.11.2025, under Sections 138 BNS (362 IPC), 137(2) BNS (363 IPC), 115(2) BNS (323 IPC), 3(5) BNS (34 IPC), (offence under Section 138 BNS (362 IPC), 137(2) BNS (363 IPC) deleted lateron) and (offence under Section 140(4) BNS (367 IPC) added lateron), Police Station City-II, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 02.04.2026, the following order was passed:

“Learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla. The same be kept on record. A

copy of the same has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.301 dated 10.11.2025, under Sections 138 BNS (362 IPC), 137(2) BNS (363 IPC), 115(2) BNS (323 IPC), 3(5) BNS (34 IPC), (offence under Section 138 BNS (362 IPC), 137(2) BNS (363 IPC) deleted lateron) and (offence under Section 140(4) BNS (367 IPC) added lateron), Police Station City-II, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla; 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, there is an unexplained delay of 4 days in registering the FIR, there is no medical evidence available on record to support the case of the prosecution & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

List on 06.05.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 07.04.2026 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 02.04.2026 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.

06.05.2026

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**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No