



In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Misc. No. M-15311 of 2026

Date of Decision: 09.04.2026

Nirmal Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Partap Singh.

Present: Mr. Sahil Gupta and Ms. Dolli Sharma, Advocates
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Eklavya Darshi, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab, for the respondent.

Surya Partap Singh, J.

1. This petition for anticipatory bail is the first petition filed by the petitioner under Section 482 of 'the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023'. It has been filed with regard to a case arising out of FIR No. 134 dated 27.11.2025, for the commission of offence punishable under Section(s) 21B and 29 of 'the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985' Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan, District Tarn Taran, Punjab.

2. Vide order dated 20.03.2026, the petitioner was admitted to interim anticipatory bail, subject to the condition of furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of arresting officer. It was also directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation.

3. Heard.

4. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that in compliance with order dated 20.03.2026, the petitioner has already joined

the investigation, and that nothing has been left to be recovered from the possession of petitioner. In view of above, the learned counsel for the petitioner has requested that the order dated 20.03.2026 be made absolute.

5. The learned State counsel has controverted the above-mentioned arguments. According to the learned State counsel, although the petitioner has joined the investigation, but he did not cooperate, and that in order to extract information from the petitioner with regard to identity of other accused, his custodial interrogation is required.

6. The record has been perused carefully.

7. With regard to fact-situation of this case and the above-mentioned arguments, following are the relevant factors which are supposed to be taken into consideration:-

- i) that the petitioner has already joined the investigation;
- ii) that the petitioner cannot be forced to assist the prosecuting agency in recovering incriminating material against himself; and
- iii) that nothing significant has to be recovered in this case with the assistance of petitioner.

8. Keeping in view the aforesaid submissions and the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation, the order dated 20.03.2026, whereby the petitioner was accorded the benefit of interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. The present petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

(Surya Partap Singh)
Judge

April 09, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No