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

CRM-M-16464-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.05.2026

DILVIR SINGH ALIAS DALBIR SINGH**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Ms. Anmol Thakur, Advocate for
Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.207 dated 29.08.2025, under Sections 74, 75, 126(2), 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar Rural. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. While issuing notice of motion on 27.03.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.207 dated 29.08.2025, under Sections 74, 75, 126(2), 351(2) of BNS 2023 (Sections 354, 354-A, 341, 506 IPC) and Section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar Rural. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case

was registered on complaint of mother of the minor who stated that on 25.08.2025, when her daughter went to a shop to buy grocery at about 7:00 p.m., Rohit forcibly stopped her, teased her and sexually assaulted her while Dalbir Singh (petitioner) was standing. Learned counsel further submits that the main accused had been enlarged on anticipatory bail vide order of this court dated 05.02.2026 and allegations against the petitioner were not on worse footing, therefore, petitioner who was ready and willing to join investigation too deserved to be released on anticipatory bail.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposes the prayer on the ground that petitioner had accompanied co-accused Rohit in the street where he committed the offence of sexual assault while petitioner stood there to guard.

Main accused Rohit has been released on anticipatory bail vide order of this Court dated 05.02.2026.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

Status report in the matter be filed on 04.05.2026.

Notice to the victim/complainant be also issued for the adjourned date. Amended memo of parties be filed in the Registry, impleading the victim/complainant as respondent.”

3. Vide order dated 27.03.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and was directed to join investigation.
4. On instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, learned State counsel submits petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for further custodial interrogation.
5. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, but without commenting on merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 27.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.
6. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

04.05.2026

Sumit Singla

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

Yes/No

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)

JUDGE