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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16019-2026

Ajay Singh and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 14, 2026

Date of Uploading: May 14, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Aulakh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, in case FIR No.180 dated 02.09.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 323, 379-B(1), 34 of IPC at Police Station Samrala, District Khanna.

2. On 10.04.2026, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending their arrest in FIR No.180 dated 02.09.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 323, 379-B(1), 34 of IPC at Police Station Samrala, District Khanna; the petitioners have preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that the FIR in question was registered in the year 2023, the petitioners are now sought to be implicated on the basis of a supplementary statement made by one

Parvinder Singh (a relative of the FIR-complainant) & the petitioners are willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

List on 14.05.2026.

The petitioners are directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 18.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on interim bail subject to their furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioners shall join the investigation. They shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 10.04.2026, the petitioners have indeed joined investigation and their custody interrogation is not required.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners by arguing that allegations against the petitioners are serious in nature, and in case, the petitioners are extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that they may abscond from the process of justice and interfere in the prosecution evidence. Learned counsel has further iterated that specific role has been attributed to the petitioners, hence, petition in hand ought to be dismissed.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioners having joined investigation and their custodial interrogation is not being sought for by the State; the interim order dated 10.04.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioners 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.

8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioners violate any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 14, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No