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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:19.03.2026

Gurdeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.20 dated 19.02.2025 under Section 318(4) of BNS registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. On 27.03.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.20 dated 19.02.2025 under Section 318(4) of the BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the falsity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner in the FIR in question (Annexure P-1) is evident from the fact that it is a matter of record that the complainant had indeed travelled to Italy on a valid VISA and thereafter, returned to India on his own. The petitioner had no role whatsoever to play in the return of the complainant from Italy. Furthermore, there is no



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documented bank transaction between the petitioner and the complainant with respect to ₹10,40,000/-, which were allegedly given to him by the complainant on an assurance of arranging for his travel and VISA to Italy.

On a pointed query as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, learned counsel for the petitioner has categorically replied in the negative.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Deol, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

Adjourned to 29.07.2025.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and appear before the investigating agency as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS/438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has joined investigation. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, she shall make himself available without demur.

4. Status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana, dated 18.03.2026, has been filed by the State, which is taken on record.

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5. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
6. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 27.03.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)
7. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

March 19, 2026

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	Whether reportable	:	Yes/No