



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-16429-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 05.05.2026.

Hari Singh and another
State of Punjab

VERSUS

....Petitioners.
....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Hari Singh Balwinder Kaur	83	19.04.2025	115(2),118(1),126(2) 191(3),190 and 351(2) BNS (117(2) and 238 BNS added later on)	Sidhwan Bet	Ludhiana

2. On 25.03.2026, following order was passed:-

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners with clean past antecedents have been falsely implicated. Even if the allegations as levelled in the FIR are taken to be true at its face value, (though not admitted), no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioners, hence,

his custodial interrogation is not required, for nothing is to be recovered from him. Nonetheless, he being law abiding citizen is willing to join the investigation as and when called for.

Notice of motion for 05.05.2026.

Meanwhile, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioners are hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and cooperate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioners, they shall be released on interim bail on their furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. They shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners contends that in compliance of the order dated 25.03.2026, passed by this Court, petitioners have joined the investigation, and have fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gursewak Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioners of joining the investigation on 31.03.2026 by the petitioners, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 25.03.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioners shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Besides, it is directed that petitioners would hand over their passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possess. Otherwise, would submit affidavits, disclosing the fact that they do not possess any passport.
8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No