

2026:PHHC:069103



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

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CRM-M-16539-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.05.2026

PRINCE

.. Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY.

Present: Mr. Sachin Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manoj Pundir, Advocate for the complainant.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

CRM-19322-2026

Allowed as prayed for.

The additional affidavit of the petitioner is ordered to be taken on record subject to all just exceptions. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place of the paper book.

MAIN CASE

1. On 25.03.2026, a Coordinate Bench had passed the following order:-

“Petitioner, an accused in case FIR No.33 dated 13.02.2026 registered against him for the commission of offences punishable u/s 115(2), 127(1), 3(5) of BNS (Section 109 of BNS added later on) at Police Station Model Town, District Ludhiana,

has filed the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail u/s 482 BNSS.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, the only role attributed to him (P) is that he exhorted the other accused to unleash an attack on complainant-party. At the relevant time, petitioner was neither armed with any weapon, nor any injury has been attributed to him.

Learned counsel next contends that the falsity of the case set up by complainant-party is apparent from the fact that though the alleged occurrence took place on 10.02.2026, however for reasons best known, the statement of complainant on the basis of which FIR was lodged, was recorded on 13.02.2026, despite he having been declared fit by the treating doctor. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is willing to join the investigation as and when called for by the Investigating Officer.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 05.05.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS”

2. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case,

the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. 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 25.03.2026 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)

5. 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.

6. Other misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

MAY 05, 2026.
Rajender

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No