



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-16997-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 06.05.2026.

Bharat Bhushan @ Deepu @ Dolu

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Shivam Dang, Advocate for the petitioner.
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 petitioner, who has 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
Bharat Bhushan @ Deepu @ Dolu	139	05.11.2025	305(A) of BNS (380 IPC)	Sadar Gurdaspur	Gurdaspur

2. On 30.03.2026, following order was passed:-

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2. Complainant namely Dalbir Singh, Advocate, got the present FIR registered, alleging that on 17.09.2025, when no one was present at his residence and he had gone to the District Courts, Gurdaspur after locking the house, including the outer gate, an unknown person committed theft. Upon his return at about 5:00 p.m., he found the lights of his room switched on, and discovered that the locks of the almirah and its locker had been

broken, and gold jewellery and cash had been stolen therefrom.

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that although the alleged incident took place on 17.09.2025, but the complaint against unknown persons, was first lodged only on 05.11.2025, thereby indicating an inordinate and unexplained delay in registration of the FIR.*

It is further contended that FIR does not specify the amount of cash or details of the gold jewellery allegedly stolen, which casts doubt on the veracity of the allegations and suggests that FIR has been lodged with an oblique and motivated purpose.

4. *It is further argued that under the guise of the present FIR, local police is harassing the petitioner solely on account of his alleged involvement in an earlier case, i.e., FIR No. 70 dated 21.04.2017 registered under Sections 399 and 402 IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act at Police Station Division No. 7, District Jalandhar. Learned counsel submits that there is no prima facie evidence to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence. Moreover, petitioner is willing to join the investigation and fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is granted protection from arrest. Thus, it is prayed that concession of anticipatory bail be granted to the petitioner in the present case.*

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *On advance notice, Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

7. *Adjourned to 06.05.2026.*

8. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

9. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 30.03.2026, passed by this

Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, learned counsel prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Malkit Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 04.04.2026 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 30.03.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner 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 petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does 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