



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-17246-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 05.05.2026.

Rajpal Singh @ Babbi
State of Punjab

VERSUS

....Petitioner.
....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Simi Kandra, 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
Rajpal Singh @ Babbi	133	31.10.2025	333, 115(2), 3(5) of BNS (corresponding to Sections 452, 323, 34 IPC)	Jodhan	Ludhiana Rural

2. On 01.04.2026, following order was passed:-

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2. Complainant – Hardeep Kaur got registered the FIR that on 22.10.2025, when they were having their dinner in the house, accused (1) Rajpal Singh alias Babbi (2) Dilawar Singh (3) Bobby and (4) Gurpreet Singh entered their house forcibly, and thereupon,

(I) Accused – Bobby gave a hit on complainant’s head, with wooden dasta.

(ii) Petitioner – Rajpal Singh alias Babbi gave a blow with wooden stick, to the complainant – Hardeep Kaur, and hit her mother Charanjit Kaur, on the left arm, right leg, face, nose and jaw with a carpenter’s hammer.

(iii) Accused – Gurpreet Singh also inflicted injuries to her and her sister on left side of her chest, left side of her head with carpenter’s hammer.

(iv) Accused – Dilawar Singh also gave injuries to the complainant’s sister.

3. Counsel for the petitioner argues that petitioner has been falsely implicated as accused in the present case due to previous enmity. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter. 6. On a query put by this Court, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI John Masih, was unable to confirm whether the injury allegedly caused by the petitioner had ever been declared grievous or dangerous to life.

7. Adjourned to 05.05.2026.

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 her submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 01.04.2026, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, she prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 28.04.2026 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 01.04.2026, 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