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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-17470-2026

Surinder Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 05, 2026

Date of Uploading: May 05, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Neha Bindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.05 dated 04.01.2026, under Sections 61, 1, 14 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station City 1, Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. On 01.04.2026, the following order was passed:

"Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.05 dated 04.01.2026, registered under Sections 61, 1, 14 of the Punjab Excise Act 1914, at Police Station City 1, Abohar, District Fazilka; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner is a man aged 63 years with clean antecedents, no effective recovery is to be made from the petitioner & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 05.05.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 06.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the

investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 01.04.2026, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought for by the State, the interim order dated 01.04.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 05, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No