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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 07.05.2026

Shankar Lal Suthar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Vikas Bishnoi, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG Haryana

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 FIR No. 516 dated 25.12.2022 under Sections 15C and 27-A of NDPS Act, 1985 and 201 of IPC, 1860 (corresponding to Section 238 of BNS) registered at Police Station Meham, District Rohtak.

2. On 01.04.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) *On receiving of secret information, raid was conducted and from the Eicher truck bearing registration No. HR-39E-0776, total 844 Kgs of poppy husk (in total 42 bags) was recovered. Accused, who was found driving the car was Navneet and on his disclosure statement dated 26.12.2022, accused Vinod was involved in the case, who on being arrested on 12.04.2023 named another accused Shokeen. It is further submitted that petitioner has been falsely involved in the case by recording second disclosure statement of main accused-Navneet,*

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on 30.12.2022 with the allegation that it was the petitioner, who had send Vinod and Shokeen to bring the contraband for further delivery to him.

(iii) Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been involved completely in a false case, without there being any substance of truth in the allegations. Moreover, he was not aware of registration of any FIR or proceedings, which have been going on before the Court. He has referred the zimni orders dated 11.03.2025, 15.04.2025 and 11.07.2025 (appended with CRM-M-17320-2026 challenging the order dated 25.12.2022 whereby the petitioner was declared proclaimed person) and argues that nowhere in the zimni orders it has been mentioned that warrants issued against the petitioner were ever reported to be served. However, petitioner expresses his willingness to appear before the Court, if granted once chance.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) On asking of the Court, Mr. Parveen Kumar Aggarwal, Addl. A.G. Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

(vi) List again on 07.05.2026.

(vii) In view of the submissions addressed and recorded here above, petitioner is directed to surrender before the trial Court on or before 17.04.2026 and on doing so he shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(viii) 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.

(ix) A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case. ”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

4. 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.



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5. The 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.
6. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.
7. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

07.05.2026
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/ NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO