



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-18601-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.04.2026

RAJAT @ RAJAT KUMAR AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Satyam Arora, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. BS Saroha, DAG, Haryana.
Mr. Naresh Kumar Ganga, Advocate for the complainant.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.16, dated 01.02.2026, under Section 303 BNS, registered at Police Station Nathu Sarai Chopta @ Nathusari Chopta, District Sirsa.

2. On 07.04.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that there are partition proceedings pending between the petitioners and the complainant, they being co-sharers of the land in question. The petitioners have falsely been implicated in the present case, as no theft of paddy was committed by them. In the inquiry conducted, he was not found present at the time of the alleged occurrence as per his own statement. The interim bail was granted by the Court of Sessions, whereupon they joined investigation, however, the same stands cancelled as they are stated to have not cooperated with it, which was incorrect as they were being forced to make a confession with no fault of their own. They are not involved in any other case; ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Mr. Naresh Kumar Ganga, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and made their respective submissions in opposition.

Adjourned to 21.04.2026.

Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation on or before 15.04.2026. In the event of their arrest, they shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioners do not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioners have 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, they shall make themselves available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioners and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioners are not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioners is allowed and the order dated 07.04.2026 granting interim bail to them, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioners fail 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 them.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

21.04.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No