

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

141-A

CRM-M-19246-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.05.2026

RAHUL RATHI

.....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Sr. Advocate assisted by
Ms. Nitika Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Manoj Chahal, Advocate
for the complainant.

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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Rahul Rathi aged about 30 years	69	19.02.2025	115, 125, 127(2), 143(2), 316(2), 318(4), 351(2) BNS & Section 24 of Immigration Act	Hansi Sadar	Hissar

2. Since the amount deposited, during investigation, the police did not found any amount credited to his bank account, out of total Rs.60,00,000/- paid by the complainant.



3. However, on asking of the Court, Rs.12,50,000/- has already been paid by the petitioner by paying the Demand Draft bearing No.500944, dated 03.07.2025, amounting to 12,50,000/- drawn from ICICI Bank, to the complainant/respondent No.2, as recorded in the order dated 09.07.2025.

4. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner on 09.07.2025, the following was recorded:

“1. As stated and recorded in the order dated 28.05.2025, that an amount of Rs.12.50 lakh had deposited by the complainant in the bank account of the petitioner, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner has handed over a Demand Draft bearing No.500944, dated 03.07.2025, amounting to 12,50,000/- drawn from ICICI Bank, to counsel for the complainant/respondent No.2. Photocopy of the said demand draft is ordered to be taken on record.

3. Proceeding is deferred for 22.10.2025, to enable the petitioner to make necessary arrangements for settling down the grievance of the complainant to some extent.

4. Since the petitioners (in both the present petitions) are stated to be real brothers, their arrest shall remain stayed, till the next date of hearing. However, this interim relief is granted to enable the petitioners to work towards settling the dispute with the complainant.

5. Meanwhile, respondent No.2 may get the demand draft encashed in his bank account.

6. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.”



5. With the aforementioned observations, petition is disposed of, and petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two weeks from today. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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.

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.

6. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

11.05.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No