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

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Date of decision: 12.05.2026

ROHIT BHATIA

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.33 dated 12.02.2026 under Sections 115(2), 74, 125 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, Police Station Sadar, Amritsar, Police Commissionerate, District Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 07.04.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 33 dated 12.02.2026 under Sections 115(2), 74, 125 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 25, 27 Arms Act, Police Station Sadar Amritsar Police Commissionerate District Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR was lodged on complaint of one Raghu Raj alleging that petitioner's brother was walking around in a wedding with a rifle and petitioner along with an unknown person arrived, whereafter the unknown person grabbed the rifle from Rohit Bhatia and fired the rifle on the ground in rage resulting in a stampede. It was further alleged that all 3 of them assaulted the complainant, his mother and sister-in-law. He further submits that there was no specific attribution to the petitioner who was unarmed; further that the matter had since been compromised between the rival parties and there was no grudge remaining. He further argues that no recovery was to be effected



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from possession of the petitioner and his custodial interrogation was not required. Petitioner, who had clean antecedents, was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of Respondent State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

Mr. Ashish Kaushik, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of Respondent No.2 and places on file his power of attorney, which is taken on record. He submits that he has no objection, if petitioner is granted anticipatory bail.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

State is directed to file status report on 12.05.2026.”

3. Learned State counsel concedes that petitioner had joined investigation and further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.
4. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 07.04.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

12.05.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No