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

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Decided on :23.04.2026

Pritam Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Gaurav Datta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner–Pritam Singh has filed the present petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (corresponding to Section 482 of the Cr.P.C.), seeking issuance of directions to the respondents for release of his original passport, which was surrendered by him in compliance with the conditions imposed at the time of grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 08 dated 02.02.2025, registered under Sections 115(2), 304, 324(6), 191(3) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding to Sections 323, 304, 440, 148 and 149 of the IPC), at Police Station Rahon, District SBS Nagar.
2. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, the following order was recorded on 07.04.2026:



“ *Petitioner – Pritam Singh has filed instant petition under section 528 of BNS, 2023 (Section 482 of Cr.P.C.) for release of his original Passport, which was surrendered by him in compliance of conditions of the anticipatory bail granted by this Court vide order dated 12.03.2025 in case FIR No.08 dated 02.02.2025 registered under Sections 115(2), 304, 324(6), 191(3) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding Sections 323, 304, 440, 148, 149 of IPC) Section at Police Station Rahon, District SBS Nagar.*

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that while appearing before the investigating officer for the purpose of joining investigation, the Passport belonging to the petitioner was surrendered, however, during the course of investigation it has come up that petitioner is innocent and has, thus, been exonerated. In support of the contention, counsel relies upon GD No. 049 dated 16.05.2025, recorded during the course of investigation. Further clarifies that son of the petitioner, who is minor has to travel abroad and, therefore, alongwith the Visa of his son he (petitioner) need to append scanned copy of his passport.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, learned State counsel, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to examine the contentions addressed by counsel for the petitioner.

List again on 23.04.2026.

To be shown in the urgent list.”

3. Today, learned State counsel does not dispute the factual position as projected by learned counsel for the petitioner and fairly submits that since the petitioner has been found innocent during investigation, no objection is raised to the release of the passport for the limited purpose sought.

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4. In view of the above, respondent/State is directed to release the passport of the petitioner for a period of three months from today. However, upon expiry of the said period, petitioner shall surrender the passport to the Investigating Officer or to the trial Court concerned, as the case may be, if final report is submitted. Thereafter, it shall be open for the Investigating Officer or the Court concerned to take an appropriate view regarding retention or release of the passport, depending upon the requirements of the case.

5. With the aforesaid directions, present petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

23.04.2026***Rashmi***

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No