

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

2026 PHHC 054735



(132)

CRM-M-18832-2026

Bharat Bhushan

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

Decided on : 09.04.2026

Date of uploading: 09.04.2026

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Munish Gupta, Advocate &
Mr. N.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Sumeet Goel, J. (Oral):

1. The substantive prayer made in the instant petition reads thus:

“It is, therefore, respectfully prayed that present petition may kindly be allowed and appropriate directions may kindly be issued to Respondents No. 2 and 3 to conduct a fair, transparent, and time-bound investigation in FIR No. 0078 dated 01.05.2025 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 316(2), 318(4) and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 [corresponding to Sections 406, 420, 471 IPC 186), at Police Station Khanna City-2, District Khanna,, as despite lapse of almost one year, there is no headway in the investigation, whereas in another FIR No. 9 dated 14.01.2026 (Annexure P-3) registered at Police Station City Khanna, District Khanna under Sections 318(4), 316(2), and 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 (corresponding to Section 420, 471, 120-B IPC), with almost identical allegations, some accused have been arrested in the said FIR No.9 dated 14.01.2026.”

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the petition in hand with liberty to avail alternate remedy (as available in law) including approaching the concerned Judicial Magistrate for requisite directions, as per BNSS 2023.

3. Ordered accordingly.
4. Needless to say that in case the petitioner approaches the concerned Judicial Magistrate, for requisite directions by filing appropriate application, the same shall be decided and a ratiocinated decision thereupon be taken expeditiously.

April 09, 2026
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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