



CRM-M-18930-2026 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 13.05.2026

MOHAMMAD RAFI

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Bindu Bala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.07 dated 22.01.2026 under Sections 137(2) and 96 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Rawalpindi, District Kapurthala. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 08.04.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No 0007 dated 22.01.2026 under Sections 137(2) and 96 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Rawalpindi District Kapurthala. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was brother of main accused Nazir with whom daughter of the complainant had eloped. Petitioner was residing separately from his brother and parents in SBS Nagar and had nothing to do with the activities of his brother. Pregnant wife of the petitioner had already been arrested by the police, though she was not named in the FIR. He further submits that petitioner who had clean antecedents was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks some time to file the status report.

Status report in the matter be filed on 13.05.2026.



In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Palwinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Phagwara, District Kapurthala on behalf of the respondent-State. State has been filed. The same is made part of the record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Daljit Singh, 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 08.04.2026 , 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

13.05.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No