

2026:PHHC:070065

208 (2nd case)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18903-2026

Rehan Rajput @ Mohammad Rehan

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 06, 2026

Date of Uploading: May 06, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Abdul Aziz, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.301 dated 10.11.2025, registered under Sections 138, 137(2), 115(2), 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 (Section 140(4) of the BNS added later on and Sections 138 and 137(2) of the BNS deleted later on), at Police Station City-2, Malerkotla, Punjab.

2. On 07.04.2026, the following order was passed:

"Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.301 dated 10.11.2025, under Sections 138, 137(2), 115(2), 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 (Sections 138, 137(2) and 140(4) of the BNS added lateron), at Police Station City-2, Malerkotla; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, there is an unexplained delay of 4 days in registering the FIR, there is no medical evidence available on record to support the case of the prosecution, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance service of copy of petition; Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab causes appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State of Punjab.

Put up on 06.05.2026.

To be heard along with CRM-M-14687-2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 10.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by

Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 07.04.2026, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought for by the State; the interim order dated 07.04.2026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Petition stands **allowed**, accordingly.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 06, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No