



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

**CRM-M-19526-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.05.2026**

SHER SINGH ALIAS SHAMSHER SINGH ...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Mohit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0358 dated 25.11.2024 under Sections 420, 406, 376, 509, 506 Indian Penal Code, Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 10.04.2026, following order was passed:

“1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.0358 dated 25.11.2024, under Sections 420, 406, 376, 509, 506 of Indian Penal Code, Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur. This is the first application for anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the main accused i.e. Gurbachan Singh had been arrested and was in judicial custody. Challan under Sections 376, 420, 406, 509 and 506 IPC was also presented against the main accused. Petitioner was implicated in the FIR only for the reason that he is nephew of the main accused. Referring to

the contents of the FIR, he submits that no money was ever received by the petitioner from the complainant and complainant only alleged that petitioner accompanied Gurbachan Singh, when said Gurbachan Singh visited her and took money from her. Learned counsel refers to the police proceedings to contend that initially, it was ordered that action would be taken only against Gurbachan Singh and remaining persons named in the FIR would be proceeded against only after collection of evidence. It is argued that no further evidence was collected by the investigating officer against the petitioner who was being dragged in the case only on account of relationship with main accused.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the State and opposes the prayer for the bail submitting that there were calls exchanged between the complainant and the petitioner.

6. Let status report be filed by the State on 14.05.2026.

7. Meanwhile, 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.”

3. Vide order dated 10.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Rahul Kaushal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur and on instructions from ASI Sarabjit Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

5. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 10.04.2026 and his further custodial interrogation is not required. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 10.04.2026, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

6. Pending CRM(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

14.05.2026
Ajay Goswami

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>