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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20021-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.05.2026

PARAMJIT SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, D.A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.0010 dated 31.01.2026, under Sections 305, 331(3) of B.N.S., 2023 (corresponding to Sections 380, 454 IPC) and [Section 317(2) of BNS (corresponding to Section 411 IPC) added later on], at Police Station City Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla.

2. The interim order dated 10.04.2026 passed by this Court, reads as under :-

“1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as

detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Paramjit Singh	0010	31.01.2026	305, 331(3) of BNS (Sections 380, 454 IPC)	City Ahmedgarh	Malerkotla

2. *Before the commencement of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the anticipatory bail petition filed earlier by the petitioner was dismissed vide order dated 25.03.2026 by the Court of Sh. Parminder Singh Grewal, learned Additional Sessions Judge, Malerkotla. However, the said order had not been uploaded upto 07:00 a.m. on 09.04.2026.*

It is further submitted that even the application for obtaining a certified copy, moved on 30.03.2026, was not attended promptly, and the certified copy had not been supplied to the petitioner until 09.04.2026. However, learned counsel clarifies that the impugned order has now been uploaded, and he is producing the same during the course of hearing. The same is taken on record.

Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place in the paper-book.

3. *Allegations levelled against the petitioner in the FIR are as under:*

“ the present FIR has been registered on the basis of statement of the complainant Daljit Singh, in which, it has been alleged that he is doing the work of selling air tickets. It has been further alleged that one car bearing registration no.PB-11-BF-5477 make Fiat, Model 2010 was in the name of the complainant. It has been further alleged that the complainant had engaged his brother Paramjit Singh as driver of the aforesaid car. It has been further alleged that the aforesaid car was also used by the petitioner for booking personal passengers in it and

income regarding the same was kept by the petitioner. It has been further alleged that the complainant had taken his car back from the petitioner in the year 2024 due to some differences and since then, the complainant was using his aforesaid car. It has been further alleged that the complainant had parked his aforesaid car in a garage lying near Chehal Flour Mill, Ward no.5, Ahmedgarh. It has been further alleged that thereafter, the petitioner had demanded his aforesaid car many times from the complainant, however, the complainant had refused to hand over the car to the petitioner. It has been further alleged that the complainant had agreed to sell his aforesaid garage to one Parshotam Kumar, resident of Ahmedgarh in August, 2025 and had handed over the possession of the aforesaid garage to the aforesaid Parshotam Kumar. It has been further alleged that after selling the aforesaid garage, the car of the complainant had remained parked in the aforesaid garage for some days. It has been further alleged that the complainant came to know that his aforesaid car has been stolen on dated 20.08.2025. It has been further alleged that later on, the complainant had come to know that his aforesaid car was stolen by his brother Paramjit Singh, the petitioner and he had kept concealed the car in an unknown place. It has been further alleged that the complainant has the doubt that the petitioner might implicate the complainant in a false case by using the aforesaid car in an illegal work.”

After examining the allegations, it appears that the dispute pertains to the ownership of the car bearing registration No. PB-11-BF-5477, make Fiat, Model 2010, which is undisputedly registered in the name of complainant-Daljeet Singh.

5. *Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that, in fact, complainant and present petitioner are real brothers who had been working together, and the car was purchased from their joint income in the name of petitioner's brother-Daljeet Singh. It is contended that, by concocting a false version and in connivance with the local administration, complainant succeeded in getting the FIR registered with the allegation that the petitioner had stolen the said car.*

6. *To fortify the submissions, learned counsel submits that petitioner is 43 years of age and that no such allegations have ever been levelled against him in his past career, particularly with regard to the commission of theft of any article. Therefore, it is argued that, at the very outset, such allegations ought not to have been believed by the Court below while considering the plea of bail, especially when the petitioner himself is willing to join the investigation.*

Additionally, it is informed by learned counsel for the petitioner that the car in question has already been taken into possession by the Investigating Officer and is presently lying in Police Station City Ahmedgarh.

7. *Notice of motion.*

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

8. *Adjourned to 12.05.2026*

9. *In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

10. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

11. *It is directed that the Court concerned, which declined the concession of anticipatory bail, shall forward a reasoned explanation with respect to the submissions recorded in paragraph No. 2 of this order.*

12. *Let copy of this order be forwarded to the concerned Judicial Officer through District and Sessions Judge, Sangrur.”*

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 27.04.2026 passed in **CRM-17347-2026**, Section 317(2) BNS (corresponding to Section 411 IPC) was incorporated in headnote, prayer clause and order dated 10.04.2026.

4. Status report by way of an affidavit on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed in the Court today. The same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Amandeep Kaur submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 18.04.2026, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 10.04.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and

when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

9. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

May 12, 2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No