



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

207

CRM-M-21434-2026

MANDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS

...RESPONDENTS

Date of decision:20.05.2026

Date of uploading: 20.05.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. JPS Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate for respondents No.3 and 4.

SUMEET GOEL, J. ORAL

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.14 dated 05.04.2019, registered for offences punishable under Section 406 of IPC, at Police Station Women Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. On 21.04.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.14 dated 05.04.2019, registered for offences punishable under Section 406 of IPC, at Police Station Women Bathinda, District Bathinda; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the FIR in question is a result of matrimonial wrangling; marriage between the petitioner and the FIR-complainant took place on 31.01.2009, divorce was granted by



the Australian Court on 30.06.2021, though the FIR in question is of the year 2019 but the petitioner was under bona fide impression that the matter has been settled between the parties especially after grant of divorce by the Australian Court; & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance service of copy of petition, Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 – State of Punjab.

At this stage, Mr. Ajay Pal Singh, Advocate causes appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.3 & 4.

Put up on 20.05.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 01.05.2026 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. The petitioner shall be obligated to deposit his passport before the concerned Illaqa Magistrate and produce receipt thereof before this Court.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 21.04.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3.1 At this juncture, it would be apposite to note herein that learned counsel for the petitioner has brought forth a copy of the order dated 06.05.2026 passed by the JMIC, Bathinda, which reflects that the petitioner has deposited his passport with the said Court. The passport shall remain deposited with the said Court subject to further orders from this Court/any



other competent Court. The said order is taken on record and marked as Mark 'A'.

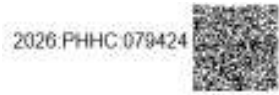
4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence he ought not to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may interfere with the investigation as also intimidate the investigation/witnesses.

5. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and is no longer required by the State for further custodial interrogation, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 21.04.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Ordered accordingly.

7. 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.

8. 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.



- 9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
- 10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

20.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No