



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21020-2026

RAJESH BANTHIA

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision:18.05.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Kunal Dawar, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Jagjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

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. 68 dated 01.04.2026, under Sections 120-B, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, 1860 (Now 61, 318(4), 318(2), 336(2), 336(3), 340 of BNS), registered at Police Station Central Faridabad, Faridabad, Haryana.

2. On 18.04.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No. 68 dated 01.04.2026, under Sections 120-B, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, 1860 (Now 61, 318(4), 318(2), 336(2), 336(3), 340 of BNS), registered at Police Station Central Faridabad, Faridabad; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the FIR in question has civil overtones, the agreement to sell in question which forms the fulcrum of the matter is dated



25.05.2023, the civil suit for specific performance came to be filed on 16.08.2024 whereas the FIR in question was registered on 01.04.2026 on the basis of a complaint made on 29.07.2025 & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Ms. Priyanka Sadar, Sr. DAG, Haryana has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Haryana.

At this stage; Ms. Anmolpreet Kaur, Advocate appearing on behalf of Mohd. Arshad, Advocate has entered appearance on behalf of the complainant.

Adjourned to 18.05.2026.

Respondent-State as also the complainant is at liberty to file reply, if so advised. Reply, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing, with an advance copy to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 22.04.2026 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 submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but his further custodial interrogation is required for effecting the recovery of original documents.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation & cooperated therein and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of original documents; this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 18.04.2026.

5. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 18.04.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made



absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

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

18.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No