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**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT  
CHANDIGARH**

**205**

**CRM-M-21066-2026 (O&M)**

**Date of decision: 18.05.2026**

**Sameer Kochhar**

**...Petitioner**

**V/S**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate and  
Mr. Varun Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajiv Joshi, Legal Aid Counsel for the complainant.

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**SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)**

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0022 dated 24.01.2026, under Sections 333, 74, 351(2), 351(3), 115(1), 324(2), 3(5) of BNS, Police Station Bhargo Camp, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 20.04.2026, following order was passed by this Court:-

*“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising  
out of FIR No.0022 dated 24.01.2026, under Sections*

*333, 74, 351(2), 351(3), 115(1), 324(2), 3(5) of BNS 2023 (Old Sections 452, 323, 426, 354, 506, 34 IPC) Police Station Bhargo Camp, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the dispute between the parties was over usage of a common street. The complainant and father of the petitioner were both running neighbouring shops adjoining each other. A Civil Suit regarding the dispute of street was filed by one Sital Singh wherein complainant and mother of the petitioner was party. Another Civil Suit was filed by mother of the complainant against the petitioner and his parents. Learned counsel further submits that at the relevant time, father of the petitioner was trying to install Flex board on the street when the complainant party arrived and caused him injuries. No offence under Section 452 IPC was made out. Co-accused of the petitioner, his parents had since been allowed anticipatory bail by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge. Petitioner, who had clean antecedents, was ready and willing to join investigation.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and assisted by Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate, who has filed power of attorney on behalf of the complainant strongly opposes the prayer for*

*anticipatory bail arguing that on 24.01.2026 at about 4:20 p.m. petitioner forcibly entered the house of the complainant along with his fearless manner and caused injuries to the complainant and her family members. Given the manner in which the offence was committed, he was not entitled to concession of anticipatory bail.*

*In the given facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.*

*Status report in the matter be filed on 18.05.2026.”*

3. Vide order dated 20.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. State report by way of affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, West, Jalandhar, has been filed by learned State counsel, which is taken on record. He on instructions from Investigating Officer-ASI Gurbax Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for any further investigation.

5. Mr. Rajiv Joshi, Legal Aid Counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and files his Vakalatnama in Court

today, which is taken on record. He opposes the bail on the ground that petitioner entered shop of complainant, create ruckus, manhandled the ladies and harassed them.

6. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 20.04.2026. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 20.04.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

18.05.2026  
Kapil

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)  
JUDGE

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