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

**CRM-M-20750-2026  
DECIDED ON: 06.05.2026**

**HARDEV SINGH****.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB****.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.**

Present: Mr. Gurnoor Singh Sethi, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

**SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)**

1. Present 2<sup>nd</sup> petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.13, dated 23.01.2023, under Sections 302, 34 of IPC (corresponding to sections 103, 3(5) of BNS), registered at Police Station Majitha, District Amritsar Rural.

2. On 17.04.2026, following order was passed by this Court:-

*“2. Before proceeding to consider the present second anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to apprise itself of the status and manner in which the investigation has been conducted by the State in the present case, which pertains to a murder incident that allegedly took place on 17.01.2023 and in which the petitioner has been named as an accused.*

*3. It is pertinent to note that first anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner was dismissed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, vide order dated 27.03.2024 (Annexure P-3). Thereafter, anticipatory bail petition filed before this Court was dismissed as withdrawn, vide order dated 10.07.2024 passed in CRM-M-20328-2024 (Annexure P-5).*

*4. Notice of motion.*

*5. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts an appearance on behalf of the respondent/State.*

*6. In the aforesaid circumstances, this Court considers it necessary to examine the conduct of the Investigating Officer as well as the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police, before proceeding further in the matter.*

*7. List again on 06.05.2026, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter.*

*8. To be shown in the urgent list.”*

3. Learned State counsel has filed status report dated 04.05.2026 in the Court today and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

4. Learned State counsel submits that since petitioner has already been arrested; present petition can be disposed of, as the same having been rendered infructuous.

5. It is further submitted that, with regard to the conduct of the Investigating Officer, an inquiry was directed by this Court vide order dated 17.04.2026. In compliance thereof, paragraph No.6 of the status report reveals that a departmental inquiry has already been initiated against the erring officials, namely Inspector Hardeep Singh, Inspector Lavpreet Singh, Inspector Balwinder Singh, SI Lakhwinder Singh, SI Harchand Singh, Inspector Balkar Singh, Inspector Prabhjeet Singh, SI Avtar Singh, and Inspector Karampal Singh, vide order No.2285-90/Steno dated 28.04.2026.

6. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel and the action already initiated against the erring officials, no further orders are required to be passed in the present petition. Accordingly, since petitioner has already been arrested, **present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.**

(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

06.05.2026

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