



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

CRM-M-21255-2026
Date of decision: 11.05.2026

SUMIT SINGLA **...PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB **...RESPONDENT**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present: Mr. Randeep Singh Rai, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Anurag Arora, Advocate,
Mr. Sukhsharan, Advocate and
Mr. Yajur Mago, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Gurinder Singh Dhot, Advocate, and
Mr. G.S. Mehra, Advocate for the complainant.

H.S.GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a petition for anticipatory bail filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding Section 438 of Cr.P.C) in case FIR No.0115 dated 31.03.2026 under Sections 308 (2), 61(2) of BNS (under Sections 384, 120-B of IPC) registered at Police Station Kharar District SAS Nagar.
2. This Court, vide order dated 20.04.2026, had directed the petitioner to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 20.04.2026, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation.



4. Learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the prayer made by ld. counsel for the petitioner.
6. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 20.04.2026 is **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.
7. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioners from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Sumit Vs State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

11.05.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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