



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

204 CRM-M-21430-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 19.05.2026.

Chanpreet Singh @ Charanpreet SinghPetitioner.

VERSUS

State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Jagjit Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Chanpreet Singh @ Charanpreet Singh	56	29.03.2026	108, 3(5) of BNS (corresponding to sections 306, 34 IPC)	City Budhlada	Mansa

2. On 21.04.2026, following order was recorded:-

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2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that present case arises out of a dispute concerning a family settlement involving a joint tubewell connection. It is contended that although a payment of Rs.16 lakhs was agreed upon, complainant alleges that her father’s brother, namely Surinderpal Singh, along with his family members, resiled from

acknowledging receipt of Rs.1.5 lakhs already paid.

It is further argued that Harwinder Singh (since deceased) was subjected to mental harassment, which allegedly led to his suicide. However, counsel contends that the question of whether any act of abetment can be attributed to the petitioner or the co-accused, is highly debatable, and requires thorough examination during trial. It is submitted that there is no clear material to establish that petitioner compelled the deceased to take the extreme step or that he was left with no alternative legal remedy.

3. *Counsel also argues that custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not serve any meaningful purpose, as the relevant facts can be adequately ascertained during the course of investigation without arrest. Thus, counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant.*

6. *Adjourned to 19.05.2026.*

7. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 21.04.2026, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, learned counsel prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 21.04.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

19.05.2026

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No
Whether Reportable : Yes/ No