

2026:PHHC:069140



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

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**CRM-M-21840-2026
Date of Decision: 05.05.2026**

JATINDER NAGPAL

.. Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY.

Present: Mr. S.K. Sirsa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail for the petitioner in FIR No.65 dated 09.03.2026 under Sections 331(6), 329(3), 304, 305, 324(4), 191(3), 190 and 62 of the BNS, 2023 (Sections 458, 447, 304 (new edition), 380, 427, 148, 149 and 511 of IPC) registered at Police Station Canal Colony, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. On 21.04.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that there is unexplained delay of 2 days in lodging the FIR. The petitioner was, as a matter of fact, not even present at the place of occurrence as being a cyclist, participated in an event in Audax Club Parision in a 600 kms ride starting from 07.03.2026 at 05:30 A.M., for which reference is made to Annexures P-2 to P-2/1, these being cycling AIR

member card, control sheets, stamp charts, photographs and completion certificate, he having finished the event in 39 hours. It is his 3rd involvement with similar allegations, in 2 of such FIRs, he is on bail. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 28.04.2026. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been, vacated.

Adjourned to 05.05.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case, the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the

merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 21.04.2026 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

MAY 05, 2026.
Rajender

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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