

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

2026:PHHC:085418



(105)

CRM-M-22568-2026
Decided on: 29.05.2026
Uploaded on: 29.05.2026

Manish Kumar

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana

Sumeet Goel J. (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.232 dated 14.06.2025, registered for offences punishable under Section 316(4) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 23.04.2026, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.232 dated 14.06.2025, registered for offences punishable under Section 316(4) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and is sought to be implicated into the FIR in question primarily on the basis of disclosures of co-accused, namely,

Nawal and Sachin @ Monu @ Sunder Singh (who have been afforded concession of anticipatory bail by this Court, vide orders dated 17.02.2026 passed in CRM-M-4796-2026 and CRM-M-3306-2026, respectively), & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance service of copy of petition, Ms. Priyanka Sadar Thakur, Senior DAG Haryana appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent State of Haryana.

At this juncture, Ms. Surekha, Advocate for Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate causes appearance on behalf of the complainant.

Put up on 20.05.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 29.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer/ the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

3. Thereafter, on 20.05.2026, the following order was passed:

“Learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation but is not cooperating. This situation is refuted by the learned counsel for the petitioner. Without delving into the rival contentions of the parties at this stage, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 22.05.2026 at 11:00 A.M. at the concerned Police Station and rejoin the investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

List on 29.05.2026.

Be taken up in the urgent cause list.

Interim order to enure.”

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation but not cooperating to the extent that money in question is yet to be recovered.

5. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is being sought for recovering the money in question, the petition is allowed and the order dated 23.04.2026 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

29.05.2026

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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No

Yes/No