



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

204/3 CRM-M-24097-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 19.05.2026.

Surinderpal Singh and anotherPetitioners.

VERSUS

State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Suman Rani, Advocate for the petitioners.

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 petitioners, who have 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
1. Surinderpal Singh 2. Amritpal Singh	56	29.03.2026	108, 3(5) of BNS (corresponding to sections 306, 34 IPC)	City Budhlada	Mansa

2. On 30.04.2026, following order was recorded:-

“1. xxx

2. Counsel for the petitioners 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 (petitioner No.1 herein), 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 petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners would not serve any meaningful purpose, as the relevant facts can be adequately ascertained during the course of investigation without arrest.*

Further submits that co-accused namely Chanpreet Singh alias Charanpreet Singh has already been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 21.04.2026 passed in CRMM-21430-2026 (Annexure P-2). Thus, counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners 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.*

To be heard along with CRM-M-21430-2026.

7. *Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of their arrest, the petitioners shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioners 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 petitioners would hand over their passports to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possess. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that they do not possess any passport.*

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

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners contends that in compliance of the order dated 30.04.2026, passed by this Court, petitioners have joined the investigation, and have 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 petitioners of joining the investigation by the petitioners, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 30.04.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioners 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 petitioners would hand over their passports to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possess. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that they do not possess any passport.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No