



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-27056-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 02.07.2026.

Sukhdev Singh
State of Punjab

VERSUS

....Petitioner.
....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Meena, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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
Sukhdev Singh	61	03.04.2026	331(4), 305 of BNS	Fatehgarh Churian	Batala Gurdaspur

2. On 26.05.2026, following order was recorded:-

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Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been implicated solely on the basis of a disclosure/supplementary statement made by the co-accused. He further submits that, apart from the said disclosure statement, there is no other evidence connecting the petitioner with the alleged offence, and it is well settled that the disclosure statement of a co-accused made during custodial interrogation is not admissible in evidence. He further contends that no

recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. He also submits that there is an inordinate delay of 04 days in lodging the FIR. It is further submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedents and has never been involved in any criminal case. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 02.07.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a week from today and would appear as and when required by the Investigating Officer and cooperate with the Investigating Agency. In the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

3. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 26.05.2026, 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. Status report filed by learned State counsel is taken on record.

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 26.05.2026 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

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