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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-30447-2025

Ranjit Singh Brar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: February 10, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Karandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in cross-case GD No.035
dated 26.08.2024, registered under Section 109 of the BNS, 2023 and
Sections 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station City Zira
City, District Ferozepur, in FIR No.59 dated 03.08.2024, registered under
Sections 126(2), 125, 324(4), 324(5), 115(2), 191(3) and 190 of the BNS,
2023 and Sections 26, 27 of the Arms Act, at Police Station City Zira,
District Ferozepur.

2. On 28.05.2025, the following order was passed:

*“This petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for
grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in cross-case arising out of GD
No.35 dated 26.08.2024 under Section 109 of BNS and Sections 27 of
Arms Act registered at Police Station City Zira City District Ferozepur, in
cross version FIR No. 59 dated 03.08.2024 under Sections 126(2),*

125,324(4), 324(5), 115(2), 191(3) and 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 26,27 of Arms Act registered at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.

The case of of the prosecution is that the FIR was previously filed against Gulbagh Singh and others for attacking the vehicle of the present petitioner, during which he fired shot in self-defence to save himself and his wife resulting to the injuries on the person of Gulbagh Singh. However, after a delay of 23 days, a cross-version case was registered on the statement of Gulbagh Singh, and the petitioner's arrest has been sought in the cross-version case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He had fired from his licensed firearm in self-defence to save himself and his wife as he had suspected that the assailants had attacked him on account of the land dispute that was already going on with one Jarnail Singh. The petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation.

Notice of motion for 25.08.2025.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. He vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation as and when required and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.]:-

- i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;*
- ii) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;*
- iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;*
- iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section."*

3. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of an affidavit dated 09.02.2026, in the Court today, which is taken on record. Raising submissions in tandem with the said reply, particularly para-12 thereof, and on instructions from ASI Pavittar Pal, learned State counsel has brought to the notice of this Court that a cancellation report *qua* the petitioner, as regards the G.D. in question, has been filed.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the cancellation report having been filed by the State *qua* the petitioner as regards the G.D. in question, the interim order dated 28.05.2025 passed by this Court is made

absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

- 5. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.
- 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, 2023 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 of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

February 10, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No