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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on:25.03.2026

Raj Kumar @ RajuPetitioner
Versus

State of Haryana and anotherRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Parveen Kumar Aggarwal, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Shivek Thakur, Advocate

Mr. Hemant Kumar, Advocate

Mr. Sanjiv Majra, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, 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
Raj Kumar @ Raju aged about 53 years	534	07.12.2024	420,406 IPC and Section 24 of Immigration Act	Nissing, Distirct Karnal

2. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner on 31.07.2025 following was recorded:

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that even if the allegations are taken at its face value, an amount of Rs.16 lakhs was transferred to the account of the petitioner's son. No specific allegation has been made against the petitioner, except for a claim regarding



payment in cash, which is denied as being false. It is further submitted that petitioner's son, namely Karan @ Karanjeet, was already arrested and subsequently released on bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Karnal, vide order dated 16.07.2025 (Annexure P-2).

3. It is also submitted that petitioner had earlier joined the investigation along with his son and, as of now, his custodial interrogation is not required. Moreover, petitioner is willing to join the investigation again, if granted protection from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

6. Adjourned to 18.11.2025.

Let status report be filed by learned State counsel on or before the next date of hearing, by projecting evidence against the petitioner and his involvement in the present case.

7. In the meanwhile, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed. However, issue of joining the investigation by the petitioner would be examined on the next date of hearing after reviewing the status report, which is yet to be filed by learned State counsel.”

3. Today, learned State counsel referred to paragraph No. 7 of the status report and submitted that, as per the complainant's claim, a sum of ₹21 lakhs was given to petitioner and his co-accused, including his son, namely Karan @ Karanjeet. However, nothing could be pointed out to show that any amount was deposited in the bank account of the petitioner.

4. Noticing the contentions recorded in the order dated 31.07.2025 (supra) and the status report, particularly the allegations regarding payment of a cash amount to the petitioner, this Court is of the view that petitioner need not be subjected to custodial interrogation at this stage. Accordingly, present petition is allowed, and petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two weeks from today or as and

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when called by the Investigating officer concerned. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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.

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.

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

5. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 25,2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: ~~YES~~/NO
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO