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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-41215-2025

Ramesh Kumar Dhaka

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Date of Decision: January 16, 2026

Date of Uploading: January 16, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Tanvir S. Grewal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Priyanka Sadar Thakur, Senior DAG Haryana.

Mr. Sauhard Singh Hooda, Advocate for the complainant.

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 case FIR No.20 dated
24.10.2024, registered under Sections 61(2), 127(2), 140(3) and 308(2) of
the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 7, 7-A and 13(1)(b) of the
Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended by the Prevention of
Corruption Act (Amendment) Act, 2018) (Section 13(1)(b) of the PC Act
added later on), registered at Police Station Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)
Hisar, District Hisar.

2. On 29.10.2025, the following order was passed:

“CRM-42945-2025*The present application has been filed by the applicant-
complainant for placing on record Annexure A-1.**For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is
allowed and Annexure A-1 is taken on record.*CRM-M-41215-2025

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 in case bearing FIR No.20 dated 24.10.2024 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 61(2), 127(2), 140(3) and 308(2) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 7, 7-A and 13(1)(b) of Prevention of Corruption Act (Section 13(1)(b) of PC Act added later on) at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Hisar, District Hisar, Haryana.

The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a bare perusal of the transcript of the telephonic conversation between Aman/complainant, Richhpal (co-accused) and Ramesh Dhaka dated 18.10.2024 would show that there is nothing to suggest that the petitioner was extorting money from the complainant/Aman at the behest of any police officials.

Adjourned to 16.01.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of SHO/Investigating Agency subject to the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS:-

- i) that the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigating 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 the country, without prior permission of the Court and shall surrender his/her/their passport, if any.*

Meanwhile, the State counsel is directed to file an affidavit as to the exact role of the petitioner along with the details of pending FIRs, if any, on or before the next date of hearing.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 29.10.2025, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, and in case, the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that he may abscond from the process of justice and interfere in the prosecution evidence.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined

investigation and his custodial interrogation is not being sought by the State, the interim order dated 29.10.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

January 16, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No