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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-48501-2025(O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 6th March, 2026

Nachhattar Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

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Present : Mr.Charanjit Singh Bahia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Neeraj Madaan, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

Mr.Parvesh, Advocate for
Mr.G.S.Sandhu, Advocate for the complainant.

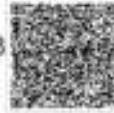
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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

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	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Nachhattar Singh, aged 49 years	124	26.07.2025	109, 118(1), 3(5) of BNS, 2023	City Rampura	Bathinda

2. On 02.09.2025, following contention was recorded:-



“2. On oral request made by counsel for the petitioner, complainant - Lakhwinder Singh, son of Gurmukh Singh, resident of Mehraj Kothe Tall (Mobile No.6280977623), is ordered to be impleaded as respondent No.2 in the present petition.

Let amended memo of parties be placed on record by counsel for the petitioner, in the Registry, within a period of two days from today, without moving any separate application.

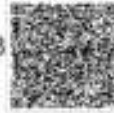
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that both the petitioner and complainant are residents of the same village. A dispute arose between them, which led to a fight.

Although, Section 109 of the BNS has been invoked, injury sustained is not dangerous to life. In fact, injury attributed to the petitioner has been medically classified as simple, despite being on the head of the complainant/respondent No.2, Lakhwinder Singh.

4. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that since both parties are co-villagers, petitioner is willing to amicably resolve all disputes to prevent any future conflicts between the families for generations to come. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent - State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter, and Mr. Sandeep Godara,



Advocate, (for Mr. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Advocate), puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant.

7. *Counsel for the complainant submits that petitioner is not entitled to anticipatory bail, as he caused an injury to the complainant's head with gandasa, although, the injury has been medically opined as simple. However, he further states that complainant is not averse to the proposal made by the petitioner's counsel before this Court today, regarding the amicable resolution of the dispute for all times to come.*

8. *Adjourned to 20.11.2025.*

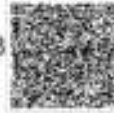
9. *Let the petitioner and respondent No.2/Lakhwinder Singh shall remain present before this Court on the next date of hearing.*

10. *To be taken up at 2.00 P.M.*

11. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

12. *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.”



2. Continuing the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the compromise has now finally taken effect and it stands recorded vide settlement dated 27.02.2026 before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. A photocopy of the said compromise/settlement is placed on record. Registry to tag the same at appropriate place. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in compliance of the order dated 02.09.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State as well as the complainant Mr.Parvesh endorse the correctness of the statement of the learned counsel for the petitioner and submit that the dispute has now been settled between the accused and the complainant – victim.

4. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

5. Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and since custodial interrogation is no more required, present petition is allowed and ad-interim order dated 02.09.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute.

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.

6. Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he



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

7. Disposed of.

March 06, 2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>