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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 25.02.2026

Balwant Singh alias Goldy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG 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 FIR No.108 dated 20.08.2025, under Sections 303(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 at PS IT City, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

2. On 29.09.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) 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
Balwant Singh @ Goldy, aged about 42 years	108	20.08.2025	303(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023	IT City	SAS Nagar (Mohali)



(ii) *As per allegations, complainant – Roshan Singh was having 300 sheep-goats, and when he realized that 20 sheep-goats were missing, instant FIR was registered. On being informed by one Kuldeep Singh (father of Sarpanch of the village), he told that petitioner and other accused were seen by him towards the Jhanjh Garh and in fact, 10 sheep-goats were recovered from Jhanjh Garh.*

(iii) *Petitioner's counsel argues that in fact the allegations are false. Two of the co-accused, namely; Lakhbir Singh and Rambinder Singh, have already been released on bail and the recovery of the allegedly stolen sheep goats has already been effected. There is nothing with the complainant to say that ten more sheep-goats are yet to be recovered, as he is the master of sheep-goats.*

Further submits that petitioner is ready to join investigation, if protected from arrest. Thus, he prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) *Notice of motion.*

(v) *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to respond to the CRM-M-55266-2025- 2 submissions addressed by learned counsel opposite, after seeking instructions. And, in case of necessity, to file status report by verifying the submissions addressed by the petitioner's counsel.*

(vi) *Adjourned to 15.12.2025.*

(vii) *In the 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.).*

(viii) *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."

3. Today, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, submits that the petitioner has not joined the investigation. However, despite being asked, what is to be recovered from the petitioner, no satisfactory response is coming forth.



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5. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to join investigation within next two weeks from today, failing which it will be open for the respondent-State to move an application for cancellation of the present bail order.

6. The petitioner shall abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Seciton 438(2) Cr.P.C.)

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.

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

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/ NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO