



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

208

CRM-M-58312-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.01.2026

Balkaran Singh alias Raju Singh (Panch)

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Rahul Kumar Adia, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Ishan Thakur, Advocate for respondent No.2

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.36, dated 04.07.2025, under Sections 108 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station GRP Bathinda, District Government Railway Police, Revenue District Bathinda.

2. On 16.10.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.36, dated 04.07.2025, under Sections 108 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station GRP Bathinda, District Government Railway Police, Revenue District Bathinda.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. G.S. Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and Mr. A.S. Mann, Advocate accepts notice and filed his memo of appearance on behalf of respondent No.2, which is taken on record. Both the parties have been heard and material on file has been perused.

4. The present case was registered on the basis of statement given to the police by Jagtar Singh, son of Boria Singh with the allegations that on 03.07.2025 his son Satpal Singh was consuming drugs in the company of one Mandeep Singh and this fact came to the notice of Balkaran Singh (petitioner), who is the uncle of said Mandeep Singh as well as Panch of the Gram Panchayat. Thereafter, Balkaran Singh called him

at the shop of Goldy Doctor, where he humiliated him and he apologized for his conduct and requested Balkaran Singh not to talk to anyone else in this regard. However, in the evening, Balkaran Singh again called him in the Panchayat and insulted him. On 04.07.2025, at 9:00 am, Balkaran Singh again called him in the village Panchayat and humiliated him. On account of humiliation meted out to him, his son Satpal Singh felt harassed and he committed suicide by jumping before the train and he sought action against Balkaran Singh.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that even if the allegations levelled in the FIR are taken to be true as a gospel truth, no offence under Section 108 BNS is made out, as no humiliation or maltreatment was meted-out to the deceased. The petitioner had only spoken to his father and told him about the fact that his son was consuming some narcotic substance and such an act cannot be termed as instigating someone to commit suicide. Learned counsel further contended that petitioner is ready to join the investigation and to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by the Court. Nothing is to be recovered from the petitioner and benefit of anticipatory bail be extended in favour of the petitioner.

6. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioner has committed a heinous offence and in view of the gravity of the offence he does not deserve the concession of bail.

7. Adjourned to 08.12.2025 for filing status report. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and in the event of her arrest, she shall be admitted to ad-interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/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 subsection (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated

with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Pakhar Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 16.10.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) BNSS.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

22.01.2026
M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No