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103 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA**
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 25.03.2026

RAJ KUMAR ALIAS RAJU**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Ajay Singh Pundir, Advocate for
Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab.

H.S.GREWAL,J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail for the petitioner in FIR No. 143 dated 22.08.2025 under Sections 223 of BNS, 2023 and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 registered at Police Station City Rampura District Bathinda, Punjab.

2. The Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 12.02.2026, had directed the petitioner to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 12.02.2026, passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court, the



petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation.

4. Learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 12.02.2026 is **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

6. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioners from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Sumit Vs State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.

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

25.03.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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