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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 15.01.2026

Rabendedr Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. C.S. Bakshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Vinay Malhotra, 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.0066 dated 26.06.2025, under Sections 303(2), 318(4), 341(2), 61(2) of BNS at PS Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala.

2. On 17.10.2025, 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
Rabender Kumar, age about 38 years	0066	26.06.2025	303(2), 318(4), 341(2), 61(2) of BNS	Sadar Rajpura	Patiala



- (ii) *Notice of motion.*
- (iii) *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent–State.*
- (iv) *Counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is posted as a security officer. However, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, controverts the submission made by counsel for the petitioner and submits that petitioner is actually posted as a Computer Operator at Ultra Tech Cement Factory, Sadraur. It is further alleged that petitioner alone made fraudulent entries regarding entry and exit of the truck, resulting in a loss to the company.*
- (v) *In response, counsel for the petitioner argues that there is no substantive evidence to conclusively prove that petitioner alone committed the alleged acts. Even FIR indicates conspiracy involving the main accused and petitioner, yet there is no substantial material to confirm this allegation.*
- (vi) *Furthermore, counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations should be verified through examination of the computer data. For such verification, custodial interrogation is unnecessary. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*
- (vii) *Adjourned to 15.01.2026, to enable learned State counsel to file status report in the matter.*
- (viii) *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.).*
- (ix) *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. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, contends that in compliance to the order dated 17.10.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 01.11.2025, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.



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4. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 17.10.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.
5. The 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. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.
7. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

15.01.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/ NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO