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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-59129-2025
Decided on : 11.03.2026

Varinder Manro . . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Gurdev Raj.

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 & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Varinder Manro, aged about 42 years	0079	19.04.2025	406, 420, 120-B of IPC, 1860	Sahnawal	District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana

2. In the present case, on 17.10.2025, following order was passed:-

“2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case only because his father, Ashok Kumar, is the sole proprietor of M/s Charan Das Ashok Kumar, a firm engaged in the business of sale of agricultural machinery parts for the last more than four decades. It is submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the said firm or with the business activities carried on by his father.

3. While referring to the order dated 23.07.2025 passed in CRM-M-29378-2025, titled as “Ashok Kumar v. State of Punjab”



(Annexure P-3), learned counsel submits that the father of the petitioner has already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court.

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, learned State counsel puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to respond to the 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.*

6. *Adjourned to 13.01.2026.*

7. *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.).*

8. *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. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 17.10.2025, passed by the coordinate Bench of this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 16.11.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.



6. 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**.

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.

7. Accordingly, petition stands **disposed of**.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of passport of the petitioner 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.

It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

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

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 11, 2026

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No