

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:032218



CRM-M-62225-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 27.02.2026.

NARENDER KUMAR VERMA @ NARESH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Ishan Khetarpal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Chhavi Sharma, AAG, Haryana, assisted by
A.S.I. Gvrdan Singh.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner
in case bearing FIR No.419 dated 16.10.2023, under Section(s) 380 and 457
of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, (Sections 411 and 120-B of the IPC added
later on) registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Kaithal.

The above said FIR was registered on the statement of Sachin
Yadav son of Budh Dev Yadav. The translated version of the same reads

thus: -

“To The S.H.O, P.S. Civil Line, Kaithal. Sir, It is submitted that I, Sachin Yadav S/o Budh Dev Yadav is a resident of Rewari. I along with my family have been living in rented House No. 12, Sector 19, HUDA, Kaithal. On 13.10.23, I along with my family had gone to my in-law's place in Panchkula in connection with our personal work. Today, on 1.10.23, in the morning, when I along with the family came home and saw that all the locks of my house were broken. When I and my family members went inside the house, then found all the goods of the almirah scattered here and there; many gold ornaments etc. and Rs. 05-07 thousand (Rs. Five to Seven thousand) were found to be stolen at my house. Some unknown persons having entered into my house have committed the theft. Legal action be taken against the unknown persons. My stolen ornaments and money be got recovered and legal action be taken against the unknown persons. I will submit the list of my stolen ornaments later on.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has clean antecedents and that the name of the petitioner has cropped up in the disclosure of the co-accused Pappu Pali @ Santosh Kumar and Dharmesh. It was alleged by the co-accused Pappu Pali @ Santosh Kumar that he had sold the gold/silver ornaments of his share to co-accused Dharmesh and his father Narendra Kumar Verma (petitioner herein). Said co-accused have already been arrested and trial has already concluded, resulting in conviction of the co-accused. He submits that the recovery in the present FIR has already been effected and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no more required.

State counsel, on the other hand, does not dispute the facts

noticed above. He, however, contends that the status report furnished by the respondent-State reflects that the name of the petitioner cropped up in the statement made by co-accused. The petitioner actually runs a jewellery shop and was not aware of the nature of the property, if any. Besides the recovery in the present case already stands effected. The offence against the petitioner at best may attract Section 411 of IPC. Vide order dated 06.11.2025, the arrest of the petitioner was stayed.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 06.11.2025 is made absolute. The petitioner is directed to join investigation within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter as and when required by the Investigating Agency. In the event of petitioner joining investigation, he shall be admitted to bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023.

However, in the event of petitioner not cooperating with the Investigating Officer, the State/Investigating officer shall be at liberty to move an appropriate application for seeking cancellation of the pre-arrest bail granted to the petitioner.

The present petition stands allowed in above terms.

February 27, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE