



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-62955-2025
Date of decision: 12.01.2026

NIKHIL VERMA

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab
assisted by SI Harjinder Singh.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.72, dated 18.07.2025, registered at Police Station Dhakoli, Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Annexure P-1), under Sections 125 of BNS, 2023 and under Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959, under Section 111 of BNS, 2023, under Section 25(7) of Arms Act and under Sections 61 and 68 of Excise Act.

2. On 11.11.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.72, dated 18.07.2025, registered at Police Station Dhakoli, Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Annexure P-1), under Sections 125 of BNS, 2023 and under Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959, under Section 111 of BNS, 2023, under Section 25(7) of Arms Act and under Sections 61 and 68 of Excise Act.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on



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behalf of the respondent-State. Both the parties have been heard and material on file has been perused.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that as per allegations in the FIR, one Vikram Sharma had indulged in celebratory firing in a birthday party of one Shehbaz Khan with two weapons in his hands in which petitioner is also seen dancing. Learned counsel further contended that one of the weapon in the hands of Vikram Sharma was owned by the petitioner but petitioner himself had not fired the weapon. Coaccused namely Vikram Sharma who indulged in celebratory firing has been released on anticipatory bail by the Trial Court. Learned counsel for the petitioner also made a statement that he will hand over the weapon if one opportunity is granted to the petitioner to join the investigation and to hand over the weapon to the police alongwith arms licence and benefit of anticipatory bail be, thus, extended in his favour.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioner has committed a heinous offence. Petitioner was granted ad-interim anticipatory bail by the Trial Court vide order dated 14.10.2025 (Annexure P-4) but subsequently, the bail was dismissed vide impugned order dated 28.10.2025 (Annexure P-5) as petitioner had not cooperated during the investigation and had not handed over the .45 bore pistol owned by him which was used in celebratory firing and since the petitioner did not cooperate during investigation, he is not entitled to the benefit of anticipatory bail.

*6. Adjourned to **12.01.2026** for filing status report. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he 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



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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 sub-section (3) of Section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.”

3. Today learned State counsel has informed this Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation, in compliance of the order dated 11.11.2025 and is no longer required for further investigation.
4. In view of the aforesaid, the order dated 11.11.2025, whereby the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail, is hereby made absolute. However, he shall continue to join investigation, if and so required by the Investigating Officer.
5. Disposed of.
6. Pending misc application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

12.01.2026
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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No