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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-66019-2025

Ajay Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Date of Decision: January 22, 2026

Date of Uploading: January 22, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Pradeep Duhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Priyanka Sadar Thakur, Senior DAG Haryana.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.191 dated
13.03.2020, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B and 201 of the
IPC, 1860 and Sections 7/13(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988,
registered at Police Station City Ballabgarh, District Faridabad.

2. On 26.11.2025, the following order was passed:

“Learned Senior Counsel inter alia contends that the petitioner, who was working as Registration Clerk for the period of about 4 months w.e.f. 01.08.2019 to 10.12.2019, is stated to have registered the vehicles on the basis of under-valued invoices given by the owners, which allegedly caused loss to the department. It is his categorical case that none of the vehicles, as alleged, was registered during his tenure, but in that of his co-accused, Sevender Kumar, who was also working as Registration Clerk for more than 2 years, who has been granted interim order by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in SLP (Crl.) No.17901/2025, on 10.11.2025, that there shall be no coercive steps taken against him, subject to cooperating with the investigation. The petitioner is not involved in any

other case, ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. B.S.Saroha, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 08.12.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 17.12.2025.”

3. Reiterating submissions made on earlier occasion, learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that similarly placed co-accused, namely, Sevender Kumar has been accorded concession of anticipatory bail by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (Criminal) No.17901 of 2025, on 12.12.2025.

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 26.11.2025, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, but his custodial interrogation is required for effecting recovery of money etc.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation, co-accused having been granted concession of anticipatory bail by the Hon’ble Supreme Court, vide order *ibid* and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is being sought only for effecting money in question etc., the interim order dated 26.11.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

January 22, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No