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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-66611-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:27.03.2026

Gurpreet Ram and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Jasjir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.305 dated 14.10.2025, under Section 303(2) of BNS registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.
2. On 28.11.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“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 Petitionerer (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
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(1) Gurpreet Ram, aged about 38 years, (2) Harpreet Lal @ Harpreet Singh, aged about 34 years, (3) Sony Sharma @ Sony Ram @ Muli Ram, aged about 23 years, (4) Gursewak Singh @ Narain Dass, aged about 37 years; (5) Bircha Singh @ Bris Bhan, aged about 58 years	305	14.10.2025	303(2) of BNS, 2023	Sadar Mansa	Mansa
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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the core dispute pertains to the co-ownership of the tubewell connection/transformer, which was being used for supplying electricity to the tubewell and, in turn, for irrigating the joint holding of all the shareholders/co-sharers. Once the land being irrigated is admittedly a joint holding of its co-sharers, no offence of theft can be attributed to the petitioner.

It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation, if protected from arrest. Thus, he prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

Additionally, it is submitted that co-accused namely Amritpal Singh, has already been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 17.11.2025, passed in CRM-M-64695-2025 (Annexure P-7), and the said petition is posted for hearing for 03.02.2026.



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3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, 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.

5. Adjourned to 03.02.2026.

To be heard along with CRM-M-64695-2025.

6. 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.).

7. 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 counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has joined investigation. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.



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4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 28.11.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)
6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

March 27, 2026

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	Whether reportable	:	Yes/No