



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on : 25.03.2026

1. CRM-M-66716-2025
VICKY PARJAPATI @ VICKY . . . PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB . . . RESPONDENT

2. CRM-M-66722-2025
PAWAN KUMAR @ PAWAN PUNIA . . . PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB . . . RESPONDENT

3. CRM-M-12692-2026
AJAY SACHDEVA @ BUNTY . . . PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB . . . RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.

Present: Mr. Dharminder Kumar Sihav, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s) (in all cases).

Mr. Manjinder S. Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. This order shall dispose of CRM-M-66716-2025, CRM-M-66722-2025 and CRM-M-12692-2026, as all these petitions are interconnected and have arisen out of same FIR. However, the lead case is CRM-M-66716-2025.

2. Prayer in these petitions, filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 (corresponding to Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner(s), who have been booked for having committed the



offences punishable under Section 318(4), 61(2) of BNS, 2023, in a case arising out of FIR No.171, dated 16.10.2025, registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

3. While hearing all three petitions on 28.11.2025 and 10.03.2026, respectively, following orders were passed by this Court:-

“CRM-M-66716-2025 & CRM-M-66722-2025

1. Present petitions have been filed by the petitioners, seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.171, dated 16.10.2025, under Sections 318(4), 61(2) of BNS, registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that even if the allegations are taken at face value, it appears that the complainant, driven by the greed of multiplying his money running into lacs, invested the amount voluntarily and of his own free will. It is submitted that complainant, Sarabjeet Singh, is an educated person who, after allegedly suffering financial losses, has now concocted a false story with the intention of recovering the said amount by exerting undue pressure on the petitioners and the other accused persons.
3. It is further argued that no amount was ever deposited into the bank accounts of the petitioners. Rather, the complainant himself invested money in the hope of earning substantial profits by participating in betting on IPL 2025 matches, using his own mobile numbers, i.e. 99140-53918, 99155-55679, and other numbers. Moreover, petitioners are willing to join the investigation and extend full cooperation, provided they are afforded protection from arrest. Thus, counsel prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.
4. Notice of motion.
5. On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.
6. Adjourned to 02.02.2026.
7. Meanwhile, the petitioners are directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of their arrest, the petitioners shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioners shall also 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 petitioners would hand over their passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possess. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that they do not possess any passport.
It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioners would seek prior permission of the Court.
9. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

CRM-M-12692-2026

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
Ajay Sachdeva @	171	16.10.2025	318(4), 61(2)	City	Fazilka



Bunty			BNS (420 and 120B IPC)	Fazilka	
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2. As per the allegations in the FIR, complainant-Sarabjit Singh, had met with Ajay Sachdeva @ Bunty (petitioner herein) in the market who had invited him at home . When petitioner reached the house with Ajay Sachdeva @ Bunty(petitioner herein), he found that there are other persons namely, i) Ajay Sachdeva @ Bunty, ii) Pawan Kumar @ Punia and iii) Vicky Prajapati.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that all the parties, including complainant, had formed a company by contributing Rs. 5 lakhs each, and the amount was invested in the share market with the objective of multiplying the capital. Counsel further submits that due to market losses, allegations have been levelled by the complainant, claiming that he was misled, as he had to sell his truck to contribute the amount of Rs. 5 lakhs.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that even if the allegations are taken at face value, it appears that the complainant, driven by the greed of multiplying his money running into lacs, invested the amount voluntarily and of his own free will. Counsel submits that complainant-Sarabjeet Singh, is an educated person who, after allegedly suffering financial losses, has now concocted a false story with the intention of recovering the said amount by exerting undue pressure on the petitioners and the other accused persons. Counsel also contends that no amount was ever deposited into the bank accounts of the petitioner. Rather, complainant himself invested money in the hope of earning substantial profits by participating in betting on IPL 2025 matches, using his own mobile numbers, i.e. 99140-53918, 99155-55679, and other numbers. Counsel also submits that co-accused namely, Vicky Prajapati @ Vicky and Pawan Kumar @ Pawan Punia have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this court vide order dated 28.11.2025 passed in CRM-M-66716-2025 and CRM-M-66722-2025. Moreover, petitioner is willing to join the investigation and extend full cooperation, provided they are afforded protection from arrest. Thus, counsel prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

6. Adjourned to 25.03.2026.

7. In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. 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.

9. To be heard alongwith CRM-M-66716-2025 and CRM-M-66722-2025.”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) further contend that in compliance of the orders dated 28.11.2025 and 10.03.2026, respectively, passed by this Court, the petitioner(s) have already joined the



investigation and are ready to co-operate with investigation agency, as and when same is required again.

Thus, custodial interrogation of the petitioner(s) would not serve any purpose to the prosecution and therefore, seeks confirmation of the interim bails.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner(s) of joining the investigation on 24.12.2025 by petitioners – Vicky Parjapati @ Vicky and Pawan Kumar @ Paan Punia, and on 13.03.2026 by petitioner – Ajay Sachdeva @ Bunty, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Since, petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail orders dated 28.11.2025 and 10.03.2026, passed by this Court are hereby made **absolute**.

However, petitioners 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.

8. Accordingly, petitions stand **disposed of**, accordingly.

9. However, present order would be subject to the submission of passport of the petitioners to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, they would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that they do 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.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

March 25, 2026
J.Ram

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No