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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-67992-2025

Jagdeep Singh @ Jagjeet Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: February 17, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Kamaldeep S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh Thind, AAG Punjab.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the complainant.

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.280 dated
07.11.2025, under Section 318(4) of the BNS, 2023, registered at Police
Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, Punjab.

2. On 03.12.2025, the following order was passed:

*“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.280 dated 07.11.2025
registered for offences punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS 2023 at
Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda; the petitioner has
preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha
Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.*

*Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner
has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question on account of a money
dispute; a cheque given by the complainant-side had been dishonored on
08.09.2025, whereinafter a complaint was made to the police on
19.09.2025 which led to the registration of the FIR in question on*

07.11.2025; the petitioner is a man with clean antecedents & is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 23.12.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 06.12.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that pursuant to the order dated 03.12.2025, the petitioner has indeed joined investigation, but his custodial interrogation is required for effecting recover of a passport, cheque book and one ATM card as also to elicit entire genesis of the offence.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, and in case, the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that he may abscond from the process of justice and interfere in the prosecution evidence.

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 and his custodial interrogation being sought only for effecting recovery of a passport, cheque book and one ATM card, the interim order dated 03.12.2025 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

February 17, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No