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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 25.02.2026

Arvind Vij

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. G.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

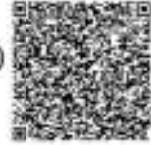
1. Petitioner – Arvind Vij has filed the instant second bail petition, under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), for grant of anticipatory bail in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.055 dated 11.03.2024, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at PS Kharar, District SAS Nagar.

2. First bail petition i.e. CRM-M-63641-2025 (Annexure P-10) was disposed of vide order dated 20.11.2025 by recording as under:

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that, on account of inadvertence, the entire antecedents of the petitioner could not be brought forth. He seeks and is permitted to withdraw the petition in hand with liberty to file a fresh petition on the same cause of action, after giving complete particulars.

2. Disposed of as such.”

3. While filing the instant bail petition, in the footnote of index note,

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petitioner mentioned about registration of two other cases against him i.e. FIR No. 147 dated 12.07.2023 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Kharar, District SAS Nagar and FIR No. 67 dated 15.03.2023 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, at Police Station Kharar, District SAS Nagar.

4. Considering the allegations on 08.01.2026, the coordinate bench of this Court granted interim bail to the petitioner by recording as under:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.055 dated 11.03.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC, at Police Station Kharar, District SAS Nagar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre arrest bail.

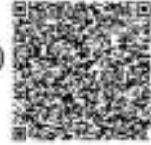
Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the genesis of the FIR in question is primarily a civil dispute, the agreement to sell which forms edifice of the dispute pertains to the year 2022 whereas the FIR in question came to be registered in the year 2024, a settlement had earlier been arrived at between the parties but the same fizzled out & the petitioner 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 28.01.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 12.01.2026 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



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Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 19.12.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation.

5. Since he failed to join investigation, again an opportunity was afforded vide order dated 28.01.2026. Even today, learned State counsel informs that petitioner has not joined investigation, despite granting two opportunities by the coordinate bench of this Court.

6. On the other hand, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the other criminal cases, petitioner's plea for anticipatory bail was not accepted and order has been assailed before the Apex Court.

7. Since petitioner has failed in getting any relief in other criminal cases and the excuse for not joining the investigation in the present case, no ground is made out to grant any more opportunity for joining investigation.

8. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

25.02.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:

Whether Reportable:

YES/~~NO~~~~YES~~/NO