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106 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 09.03.2026

ASHWANI THAKUR ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB ...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present: Mr. S.S.Kang, Advocate and
Mr. R.K.Trikha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG, Punjab.

H.S.GREWAL,J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail for the petitioner in FIR No. 361 dated 07.11.2025 under Sections 125,126(2), 324(4), 191 (3), 190 BNS, 2023 (earlier Sections 336,341,427,148,149 IPC) and Sections 25,27 of Arms Act, 1959 offence under Section 109 BNS (Section 307 IPC) added later on vide DDR NO. 25 dated 20.11.2025 registered at Police Station City Hoshiarpur.
2. This Court, vide order dated 08.12.2025, had directed the petitioner to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the

order dated 08.12.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and



cooperated with the investigation.

4. Learned State counsel states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 08.12.2025 is **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

6. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioner from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Sumit Vs State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

09.03.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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