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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 26.02.2026

Kabal Singh @ KabiPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

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
Kabal Singh @ Kabi	0165	28.09.2025	61 of Punjab Excise Act, 1914	Jhabal	Tarn Taran

2. On 30.01.026, following order was passed:-

“ Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0165 dated 28.09.2025, registered for offences punishable under Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.
Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, no effective



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recovery is to be made from the petitioner, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Put up on 24.02.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 04.02.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station 04.02.2026 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. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner could not join the investigation pursuant to the order dated 30.01.2026. Thereafter, he moved an application bearing CRM-8214-2026, whereby his prayer for extension of time to join the investigation was allowed, and he was directed to join the investigation on 24.02.2026/25.02.2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Counsel submits that, in compliance with the order dated 24.02.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has extended full cooperation. He, therefore, prays for confirmation of the interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Tanveer Singh, submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by the coordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioner joined the investigation on 25.02.2026 and as of now, his custodial interrogation is not required.

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5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 30.01.2026 passed by the co-ordinate bench of this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner 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.

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

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

26.02.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**