



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(125)

**CRM-M-69095-2025
Date of Decision: 01.04.2026**

RAHUL

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Gursewak Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS')], is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.148 dated 20.07.2025, under Sections 137(2), 96 of BNS, registered at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

2. Vide order dated 16.02.2026, the arrest of the petitioner was stayed, subject to joining of investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“Learned counsel representing State has already filed status report through Registry, which is taken on record. Along with the status report, statement of victim recorded under Section 183 BNSS is annexed as Annexure R-1.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 is also not opposing the present anticipatory bail petition.

Considering the aforesaid factual position, arrest of petitioner is stayed subject to the joining of investigation.

Adjourned to 01.04.2026.”



3. Learned State counsel on instructions from the investigating officer concerned, submits that in compliance of order dated 16.02.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further investigation.

4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 16.02.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute, subject to the condition enumerated under Section 482(2) BNSS.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read as granting the petitioner(s) 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.

6. Liberty is reserved with the investigating agency/complainant to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.), in the event of violation of any term, stipulated under Section 482(2) BNSS, or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

April 01, 2026

Ritika

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