



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

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CRM-M-69083-2025

SARWAN KUMAR

....PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 13.01.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kulwant Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 289 dated 07.11.2025, registered for the offences punishable under Section 420 of IPC at Police Station, Division No.7, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

2. On 10.12.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Inter alia contends that the genesis of the FIR in question is a civil dispute and facts have been twisted to give criminal colour to the same; petitioner is a man of clean antecedents & he is willing to join the investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion for 13.01.2026.

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

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Kulwant Singh, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of the complainant and has filed his Power of Attorney, which is taken on record.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 15.12.2025 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 the BNSS.”



3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 10.12.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence he ought not to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may interfere with the investigation as also intimidate the investigation/witnesses.

5. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand; especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and is no longer required by the State for further custodial interrogation, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 10.12.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Ordered 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

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