

2026:PHHC:024300



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-69412-2025 (O & M)

Date of decision: 17.02.2026

MUHAMMAD ASRAF @ MOHD ASHRAF

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Shahid Anwer Chaudhary, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gaurav Vir Singh Behl, Advocate, for the complainant.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case DDR No.04 dated 25.05.2025, under Sections 118(1), 126(2), 115(2), 351(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS (Section 117(2), of BNS added later on) in FIR No. 33 dated 25.05.2025, registered at Police Station City Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla.

2. On 09.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel contends that it is a case of version and cross-version. The allegation against the petitioner is of having caused injuries on the forehead of the complainant with a *danda*, which are simple in nature while he himself also received 4 injuries as per the MLR No.67 of 2025, one of which was sharp. Co-accused, namely, Mohammad Suleman and Sameer Mohd. have since been granted interim anticipatory bail, vide order Annexure P-3. He is not involved in any other case; ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and Mr. Gaurav Vir Singh Behl, Advocate, appears

on behalf of the complainant and made submissions in opposition.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 16.12.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 22.12.2025.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jaspal Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 09.12.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

17.02.2026

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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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