



210 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-70435-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.02.2026

GURDEEP SINGH ...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate
and Mr. Ajay S. Dhiman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Lovish Rattan, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 0042 dated 21.02.2025 under Sections 137(2), 87, 74 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar, Punjab. This is the second petition for anticipatory bail. First petition was dismissed on 12.11.2025.

2. Following order was passed on 14.01.2026:

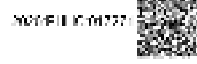
“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0042 dated 21.02.2025 under Sections 137(2), 87, 74 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar, Punjab. This is the second petition for anticipatory bail. The first one was dismissed on 12.11.2025 on account of non-disclosure of involvement in criminal cases.

Prosecutrix aged 18 years stated in her



first report to the police that she was a student of Class 12 and was a Gatka player. Gurdeep Singh was working as Gatka Coach in her school. On 27.01.2025, Gurdeep Singh told her in the presence of the Director that there was a trial the next day i.e. 28.01.2025. On 28.01.2025 at about 12'o clock, he told her telephonically that she was to go to Jalandhar for trial. Her paternal uncle dropped her in Police Line, Rupnagar Lights at about 03:00 PM where Gurdeep Singh was sitting alone in the car. He told her uncle that another girl resident of Fatehgarh Sahib along with her mother would meet them on the way. On the way, Gurdeep Singh started talking inappropriately, he stopped the car on a Dhaba and told her that there was no trial camp. He compelled her to stay with him for the night in vacant house of his friend at Nawanshahar and make physical relations. When she started weeping out of fear, he left her near her village. On the way back, he teased her, caught her hand and kissed her hand. He also touched her private parts. Earlier also, he had been doing wrong acts. Legal action was prayed for.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the first petition for anticipatory bail was dismissed on the ground that petitioner did not disclose his involvement in two other criminal cases. He further submits that on the date



of filing of the petition, there was no criminal case pending against the petitioner. In FIR No.0134 dated 12.07.2024 under Sections 115(2), 126(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, P.S. City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar, he was found innocent and was summoned as accused only on 26.11.2025 under Section 319 Cr.P.C., after the decision of the petition for bail. FIR No.0194 dated 24.07.2025 under Section 115(2), 118(1), 351(2), 190(3) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, PS City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar was registered after the date of filing of the previous petition for bail. Thus, there was no misrepresentation. He further submits that there was a change in the circumstances inasmuch as the matter had since been resolved with the complainant. A petition for quashing of the FIR was filed, the petitioner and the victim had appeared before the trial Court and their statements had been recorded. It was argued that there was no bar in the Code of Criminal Procedure to move subsequent second petition for anticipatory bail in view of the changed circumstances.

Status report by way of affidavit of Sh. Rajpal Singh Gill, PPS,DSP, Rupnagar has been filed by State of Punjab, which is taken on record. The fact that on the date of filing the first petition for anticipatory bail, petitioner was not involved in any other criminal case, has

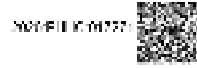


not been disputed or denied. It has also been conceded that in the petition filed for quashing of FIR, the petitioner and the victim had appeared before the trial Court and their statements had been recorded.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

Adjourned to 05.02.2026 for filing status report by the State.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 14.01.2026, petitioner had joined investigation.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Khushal Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
5. Learned counsel for the complainant has also stated that he has no objection, in case petitioner is enlarged on anticipatory bail.



6. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 14.01.2026. His further custodial interrogation is not required. In the circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 14.01.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

05.02.2026
Ajay Goswami

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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