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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

214/2

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Decided on: 09.02.2026

Arjun Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

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

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

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 FIR No.129 dated 24.09.2025, under Sections 305, 115(2), 331(6), 324(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS, at PS City-2, Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. On 17.12.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) 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 of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Arjun Kumar, aged about 34 years	129	24.09.2025	305, 115(2), 331(6), 324(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS	City-2 Abohar	Fazilka

(ii) As per contents of the petition, it seems that present FIR is essentially a



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counter-blast to a criminal case registered at the instance of a relative of the petitioner, i.e. FIR No.125 dated 19.09.2025 under Sections 115(2), 331(6), 326, 351, 324(2), 191(3), and 190 of BNS at Police Station City-2, Abohar. Elaborating on the background, counsel submits that complainant – Sunita, and petitioner, Arjun Kumar, are neighbours, and at one point, complainant's son had an altercation with a relative of the petitioner, which eventually resulted in the registration of FIR No. 125 (supra).

3. With respect to the subsequent incident forming the basis of impugned FIR No.129, it is alleged that petitioner gave a stick blow on the knee (non-vital part) of the complainant's husband and damaged certain household articles. The underlying cause of animosity between the parties, as stated, relates to one Ashu, who allegedly used to sell betting slips in front of the complainant's house. When the complainant objected, certain accused persons were allegedly brought to assault the complainant and her family and to steal articles. Injuries sustained by the complainant's husband are stated to be simple in nature.

Besides, it is also noticeable that co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Sameer, has already been granted concession of ad interim bail vide order dated 21.11.2025, passed in CRM-M-65985-2025, titled as, "Sameer v. State of Punjab" (Annexure P-3), and said petition is now posted for its hearing on 09.02.2026. Besides, it has been averred in the petition that petitioner is ready to join investigation, if protected from arrest. Thus, a prayer for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner has been made out in the present case.

(vi) Notice of motion for 09.02.2026.

(v) State is directed to file a comprehensive status report by verifying the submissions averred in the present petition.

(vi) In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(vii) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

(viii) To be heard along with CRM-M-65985-2025 "

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 17.12.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhmander Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner on 03.02.2026, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 17.12.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

7. The 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.

8. 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.

9. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

09.02.2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES/NO
~~YES~~/NO