



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-71944-2025

VISHAL BATTA

...PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Date of decision: 29.01.2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

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

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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.51 dated 11.07.2020 registered for offences punishable under Sections 379 of IPC and Section 66 of Information Technology Act and Section 120-B of IPC added later on by the police while filing the Final Report under Section 173 of Cr.P.C. dated 06.08.2025, at Police Station Phase 11, District SAS Nagar.

2. On 09.01.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Harsimran Singh Bal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City-, SAS Nagar (Mohali) in Court today. The same be kept on record. Copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has, inter alia, submitted that the alleged incident pertains to the year 2019, the FIR in question was



registered in the year 2020 and the police is now seeking to arrest the petitioner for the said offence, the petitioner had in fact resigned from the company in 2019, which was not to the liking of the company and thus, the petitioner is falsely sought to be implicated into the FIR in question & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 13.1.2026 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 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. Put up on 29.1.2026.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 09.01.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. 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 09.01.2026, granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

29.01.2026

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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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