



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

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CRM-M-72991-2025 (O & M)

Date of decision: 23.02.2026

JAGTAR SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.171 dated 25.07.2025 registered at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar Rural, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014.

2. On 24.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that the petitioner does not have any immigration business, however, has falsely been implicated in the present case on account of him being brother of Sukhpal Singh, who is residing in Italy. Otherwise, he is a cloth merchant. There is delay of 7 months in lodging the FIR. There is alleged transaction of Rs.1 lakh given to the petitioner in presence of Charanjit Kaur, who he states, has not even come to India and is unknown to him. There is also no date mentioned with regard to the same. Similarly, Rs.1 lakh more is stated to have been transferred in his account, is incorrect. As a matter of fact, the complainant had gone to Italy, however, it appears that he did not get the job, for which the promise was never made by the petitioner. For anything done by his brother, the petitioner cannot be held responsible. 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. Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf

of the complainant and made their respective submissions in opposition.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 31.12.2025. 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 23.02.2026.”

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 Baldev 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 24.12.2025 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.

23.02.2026

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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No