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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 16.03.2026

Rajinderpal Singh alias Kala.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Kunwar Rajan Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

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 First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Rajinderpal Singh alias Kala	185	27.09.2025	118(1) of BNS (Section 118(2) of BNS was added later on)	City Sri Muktsar Sahib	Sri Muktsar Sahib

2. On 23.12.2025, following order was passed:-

“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 First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

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2. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the allegations mentioned in the FIR lodged by the complainant, namely Manpreet Singh alias Honey, petitioner, namely, Rajinderpal Singh alias Kala, allegedly took out a knife from the key of his motorcycle and inflicted about four blows on the left armpit of the complainant. It is further admitted in the FIR that petitioner and complainant/injured were earlier on friendly terms and used to play cricket together. Despite being allegedly injured, complainant returned home on his own, and thereafter, sought medical treatment from the hospital.*
3. *Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the alleged incident is stated to have occurred on 27.08.2025, whereas the complaint was submitted on 09.09.2025 and FIR came to be registered only on 27.09.2025. Thus, there is an inordinate and unexplained delay in lodging the FIR, which gives rise to a strong possibility of false implication and embellishment, and the veracity of prosecution version becomes doubtful.*
4. *It is further argued that complainant has deliberately concealed the true genesis of the occurrence while lodging the FIR. In fact, in the same incident, petitioner himself suffered injuries, and on his statement, GD No.024 dated 27.09.2025 under Section 118(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was registered, constituting a cross-version (Annexure P-2). The said record clearly establishes that petitioner sustained four injuries. At the relevant time, injury No.3 was declared simple, whereas injuries No.1, 2, and 4 were kept under observation. Subsequently, all the four injuries suffered by the petitioner were opined by the doctor to have been caused by a sharp-edged weapon.*



As per the petitioner's version, he was assaulted by four persons, namely Manpreet Singh alias Money, Sunny (both sons of Sukhwinder Singh), and two other unknown individuals.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, it is prayed that concession of anticipatory bail be granted to the petitioner in the present case.

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

7. *Prima facie, it appears that the incident as explained by the petitioner in GD No.024 dated 27.09.2025 finds no mention in the version set out in the FIR registered at the instance of the complainant namely Manpreet Singh alias Honey.*

8. *Adjourned to 16.03.2026.*

9. *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 abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

10. *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.*

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

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance with the order dated 23.12.2025 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation and has extended full cooperation. He, therefore, prays for confirmation of the interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Bachan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib in Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper-book.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that though petitioner has joined the investigation, he has not cooperated with the investigating agency. Neither passport; nor any affidavit regarding non-possession of a passport has been submitted to the investigating agency; therefore, he prays for petitioner's further custodial interrogation.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 23.12.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

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It is made clear that 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.

7. However, it is clarified that in case the passport or an affidavit regarding non-possession of a passport, if he does not possess one, is not submitted to the Investigating Agency or the Court concerned within a period of two weeks from today, the present order shall be deemed to be inoperative and the Investigating Officer shall be at liberty to proceed with the arrest of the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

16.03.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**