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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 19.03.2026

Ankit Sharma.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

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
Ankit Sharma	0534	15.09.2025	25(1)-54-59 of Arms Act, 1959	Indri	Karnal

2. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner on 24.12.2025 following was recorded:

- "1. xxx
- .2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the allegations, on the basis of secret information, the main accused, namely Charanjit Singh alias Channi, was intercepted, and from his possession one country-made pistol of .32 bore, along with a magazine and live cartridges of .32 bore, was recovered.



It is further submitted that upon his arrest, the said accused made a disclosure statement alleging that the aforesaid pistol and ammunition had been purchased by him from the present petitioner for a consideration of Rs.25,000/-. Learned counsel argues that such a disclosure statement made by the co-accused is inadmissible in view of the settled proposition of law, and in the absence of any other independent or corroborative evidence, petitioner cannot be arrayed as an accused in the present case.

3. *Further submits that petitioner is already involved in one another case, i.e. FIR No.192 of 2013 under Sections 148, 149, 323, 326 and 506 IPC at Police Station Indri, District Karnal, and being previously known to the members of the police team, petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case.*

It is further contended 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, counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

6. *Adjourned to 12.03.2026.*

7. *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.).*

8. *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 24.12.2025 passed by this Court, the 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, on instructions from PSI Sumit, submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, the petitioner joined the investigation on 27.12.2025 and, as of now, his custodial interrogation is not required.

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 24.12.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

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



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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

19.03.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO