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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 20.03.2026

Karunesh Gulati

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Vikas Malik, 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
Karunesh Gulati	318	26.04.2025	316(2),318(4) of BNS and Sections 338, 339, 336(3), 340(2) of BNS (added later on)	City Karnal	Karnal

2. On 23.12.2025, following order was passed:-

- “1. xxxx.
2. As per the FIR, total of five accused have been named, namely: (i) Harpuneet Singh @ Jolly; (ii) Karunesh Gulati (petitioner herein); (iii) Lokesh; (iv) Gaurav; and (v) Amir Kaur. Complainant- Seema Rani, got the FIR registered alleging that she had purchased House No. 866, Urban Estate,



Sector-16, Karnal, from accused No. 5, and that accused No. 1 is a close relative of accused No. 5.

When complainant expressed her desire to settle her sons, namely Manas and Vikrant, abroad, it was accused No. 5 who introduced her to accused No. 1, Harpuneet Singh. Pursuant thereto, a total amount of ₹12 lakhs was paid to co-accused Harpuneet Singh @ Jolly, and an amount of ₹6 lakhs was deposited in the bank account of accused Gaurav. Not a single penny was deposited in the bank account of the petitioner, nor is there any direct allegation levelled against him in the FIR.

Moreover, petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation, provided he is protected from arrest. In view of the above, learned counsel prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

3. *Notice of motion. On advance notice, Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.*

Mr. Maneesh Bali, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent/complainant.

4. *Adjourned to 12.03.2026.*

5. *In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. 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.).*

6. *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.”

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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 on instruction from SI Rajbir submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation 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 23.12.2025, 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 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

20.03.2026

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