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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-73466-2025

Jitender Chauhan

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Date of Decision: February 11, 2026

Date of Uploading: February 11, 2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. Jatinder Kumar Kausal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG Haryana.

Mr. Pradeep Chhokar, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the
Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of
concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case of FIR No.279 dated
10.11.2025, under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the BNS, 2023, registered
at Police Station Kasola, Rewari.

2. On 24.12.2025, the following order was passed:

"Notice of motion.

*On the strength of advance copy; Ms. Mahima Yashpal Singla,
Senior DAG, Haryana causes appearance on behalf of the respondent-
State. She seeks and is permitted time to file reply.*

*At this stage; Mr. Pradeep Chhoker, Advocate has entered
appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his memorandum of
appearance. He is also at liberty to file reply.*

List on 12.01.2026.

*Till the next date of hearing, no coercive action be taken against
the petitioner.*

Investigating Officer of the case (alongwith case diary) is directed to remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.”

2.1. On 19.01.2026, the following order was passed:

“Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, the petitioner is himself a victim at the hands of one Hari Om, into whose account, the petitioner has transferred the money in question, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Put up on 05.02.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 22.01.2026 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.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has stated that, though, the petitioner has joined investigation, but he is not cooperating fully and his custodial interrogation is required as allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature and money in question is to be recovered.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, and in case, the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that he may abscond from the process of justice and interfere in the prosecution evidence.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in view of the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and his custodial interrogation being sought only for recovery of money in question, the interim order dated 19.01.1026 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Petition stands allowed, accordingly.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

February 11, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No