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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 16.03.2026

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Sahil Kumar, 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
Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi	111	29.06.2024	307, 379-B, 332, 333, 186, 353, 342 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act and Sections 302, 148, 149, 201 IPC and Sections 54, 59 of Arms Act were added later on	Dharamkot	Moga

2. On 19.01.2026, following order was passed:-

“1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 111 dated 29.06.2024, under Sections 307, 379-B, 332, 333, 186,



353, 342 of IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act (Sections 302, 148, 149, 201 IPC and Sections 54, 59 of Arms Act were added later on), registered at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that qua incident in question, neither in the contents of FIR any specific role has been assigned to the petitioner, nor it has been explained that with what weapon petitioner was armed.

Besides, learned counsel submits that qua some of the accused, challan has already been submitted before the trial Court and one of the similarly situated co-accused, i.e., Paramjeet Kaur, has been granted concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 09.10.2025, passed in CRM-M27837-2025 (Annexure P-5).

Therefore, learned counsel submits that petitioner is also ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency, if he is protected from arrest. Thus, on the ground of parity and other factual aspects, petitioner prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed the status report dated 17.01.2026 in the Court today and the same is taken on record. From para No. 5 of the status report, wherein details of the accused persons involved in the case are mentioned, it comes out that petitioner alongwith his other co-accused confined the police party headed by ASI Gurdeep Singh and later on all the accused collectively attacked the police party, in which ASI Gurdeep Singh received firearm injury, whereas one civilian namely Malkit Singh lost his life.

4. Taking into consideration the status report and the fact that no specific role has been attributed qua the petitioner and also the fact that the firm arm is used by



some unknown person, whose identity is yet to be disclosed by the State as per investigation done by it.

5. *List on 21.04.2026, for the said clarification.*

6. *In the 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.).*

7. *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.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that, in compliance with the order dated 19.01.2026 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 instructions, submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, the petitioner 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.

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6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 19.01.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, 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.

However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as non est automatically.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

16.03.2026

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