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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:25.02.2026

Sunil Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Sukhveer S. Killianwali, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.69 dated 19.04.2024, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City-1 Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. On 24.12.2025, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel submits that mobile of the petitioner had been used by some unknown person for a short duration, during which the ATM withdrawal limit of the account of Gram Panchayat was enhanced. He has no concern with the said co-accused who have not even been arrayed in the present FIR. Similarly circumstanced co-accused Aarish Singla who was the bank employee, has been granted anticipatory bail vide order dated 21.05.2024, Annexure P3. Further that it is now after a period of more than 1½ years that the investigating agency has



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sought to arrest the petitioner, regarding which reference is made to SLP (CrI.) No.11234/2025, titled 'Gursewak Singh vs. State of Punjab', decided on 03.09.2025, a case where the petitioner was being sought to be arrested after a long period and it was observed that it was a tenable basis to exercise discretion to grant anticipatory bail by Hon'ble the Supreme Court. He is not involved in any other case. He is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 30.12.2025. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 25.02.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has joined investigation. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.



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5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 24.12.2025 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

February 25, 2026
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No