

B.A. No. 6961/2026

CNR No.PBLD01-017189-2026

Date of Order: 10.08.2026.

Surinder Verma son of Sh. Nirmal Kumar, resident of House No.964,
Street No.6-1/2, near Gurudwara, Janakpuri, Ludhiana.

....Applicant/Accused.

Versus

State of Punjab.

....Respondent.

{ Application for Bail U/s 482 B.N.S.S. 2023 }.

Present: Ms. Manat Arora, Adv. counsel for the applicant/accused.
Sh. Rushil Jindal Addl. PP for the state.

ORDER:-

1. The instant second bail application under Section 482 B.N.S.S in case FIR No.130 dated 04.07.2026 under Section 303(2), 324(2), 324(5) and 3(5) of BNS, P.S. Division No.2, Ludhiana has been filed on behalf of the applicant/accused.
2. Upon notice, Additional Public Prosecutor appeared on behalf of State. Police record was called and perused.
3. The instant FIR has been registered on the statement of Sanjeev Kumar to the effect that he is Doctor by profession and is running his shop at Janakpuri. On 30.06.2026, he had some altercation with Jagdish Kumar and after that he closed his shop as per daily routine, but on the next day i.e. 01.07.2026, when he came to his shop, he found that electricity meter installed in front of his shop was missing The same was stolen by some unknown persons. From the CCTV footage, he saw that

immediate after the altercation, at about 11.00/12.00, Jagdish Kumar alongwith his son and friend Pankaj Saini come on a Motorcycle and were seen standing in front of his shop. Other accused Balwinder Saini, Pankaj, Swaran Kumar brother of Jagdish Kumar and one another unknown person were also there. From the CCTV footage, it clearly reflected that Pankaj Saini and the said unknown person had cut the electric wires with some sharp edge weapons and committed the theft of electric meter.

4. I have heard the Ld. counsel for the applicant/accused and Ld. Addl. Public Prosecutor for the State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant/accused submitted that that he is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. The FIR has been registered against unknown person and the applicant/accused was later on nominated in this case. He further submitted that applicant has never committed theft of any electricity meter. Moreover, it is a case of theft of electricity meter and the FIR to that effect could have been registered at the instance of the officials of PSPCL, but in this case the complainant is a police official. Pressing upon the fact that the applicant/accused is ready to join and cooperate into the investigation proceedings, he prayed for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the applicant/accused.

6. On the other hand, the learned Addl. PP for the State opposed the bail application on the ground that the applicant/accused have committed serious offence of theft of electricity meter in active connivance with his co-accused and in view of the gravity of offence, he prayed for dismissal of the bail application.

7. After hearing the learned counsel for the applicant/accused and learned Addl. PP for the State, this court is of the considered view that a civil litigation qua the rental premises is pending in the Civil Court between co-accused Jagdish Kumar and the complainant Sanjeev Kumar. As per the allegations, accused Jagdish Kumar has committed the theft of electric meter installed in front of the shop of complainant in connivance with the other accused. The applicant/accused has not been even named in the FIR. The applicant/accused is ready to join and cooperate in the investigation proceedings.

8. In view of the above detailed circumstances and the fact that applicant/accused is ready to join the investigation proceedings, the applicant/accused is admitted on **interim bail** subject to his joining the investigation with the Investigating Officer of the case within 04 days from today and to continue to join the same as and when required. On joining the investigation, if he is required to be arrested, he be released on interim bail on furnishing of personal bond with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer.

9. Bail application be put up on **14.08.2026** for awaiting report of Arresting/Investigating Officer regarding joining the investigation by the applicant/accused.

Pronounced in open court
on:-August 10th, 2026.

(Dr. Gurpreet Kaur)
Additional Sessions Judge
Ludhiana(UID PB0221)