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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision: 21.04.2026

Pardeep Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate
for Ms. Komalpreet, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

Manisha Batra, J. (Oral).

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0069, dated 14.05.2019, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, at Police Station City Nawanshahar, SBS Nagar.
2. Vide order dated 13.02.2026, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Learned State counsel, assisted by ASI Surinder Kumar, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 10.03.2026 and as per instructions of ASI Surinder Kumar, petitioner's custodial interrogation is not required.
4. This Court has heard the aforesaid submissions.
5. In view of the fact that the petitioner has already joined the investigation, this Court is of the opinion that pre-trial incarceration of the pe-



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itioner is not required. It is well settled proposition of law that pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post conviction sentencing. As such, without commenting on merits of case, this petition is allowed and the order dated 13.02.2026 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Since the main petition has been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

21.04.2026*Avtar***[MANISHA BATRA]****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*