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

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Date of decision : 24.3.2026
Date of uploading : 25.3.2026**

Ranjodh Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Navdeep Khokhar, Advocate and
Mr. Preetkamal Uppal, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab
Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate, for the complainant

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 24.2.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.10 dated 24.01.2026 registered for offences punishable under Sections 318(4)/61(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Majitha, District Amritsar Rural; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question, no money has been paid to the petitioner by way of electronic/bank transfer, money has been deposited in the account of co-accused Harminder Singh, the petitioner is not involved in any other pending FIR/case & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein as per law.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.

At this stage; Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate causes appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his power of attorney.

Learned counsel for the rival private parties are ad idem that there may be chances of amicable settlement between the parties and, thus, a joint request has



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been made to refer the matter to the Mediation & Conciliation Centre at District Courts, Amritsar.

Accordingly, the parties (through their respective counsel) are directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre at District Courts, Amritsar at 10:00 AM on 05.03.2026, to explore the possibilities of the settlement/compromise.

Put up along with the report of the Mediator on 24.03.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 27.02.2026 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.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 24.2.2026 the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the anticipatory bail of the petitioner by arguing that there are direct and serious allegations against the petitioner and in case he has extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that he may flee from the hands of justice and may influence the prosecution witnesses/evidence. Learned counsel further submits that mediation proceedings were also initiated but the same could not fructify.

4. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 24.2.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 24.2.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be



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confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. 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 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

24.3.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No