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

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Date of decision: 21.04.2026

ASHUTOSH KAUSHAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Harsh Manocha, Advocate for
Mr. N.S. Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Akhilesh Vyas, Advocate
for the complainant.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNSS"), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0003 dated 05.01.2026 registered under Sections 318, 61 BNS at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

2. On 06.04.2026, the following order was passed by this Court: -

"Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0003 dated 05.01.2026 registered under Sections 318, 61 BNS at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as there



are no specific allegations against the petitioner. He argues that the petitioner has not committed any fraud as the petitioner is not connected to the business of travel agency. He argues that the petitioner has been roped in the present case as he is son-in-law of the co-accused namely Balwinder Kumar Sharma. He further submits that neither the petitioner has assured the complainant for sending abroad nor has he received any amount in his bank account. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the investigating agency.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed the status report, which is taken on record and he relying upon the same has vehemently opposed the petition for bail and submits that the offence committed by the petitioner is serious in nature.

Adjourned to 21.04.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a week from today and would appear as and when required by the Investigating Officer and cooperate with the Investigating Agency. In the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioners shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 06.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions of ASI Satnam Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for further investigation.

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5. Learned counsel appearing for the complainant submits that the offence committed by petitioner is serious in nature and hence, opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the interim order dated 06.04.2026 passed by this Court, is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

21.04.2026*Gurpreet***(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE**

- i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No
- ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No