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

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Date of decision: 21.04.2026

SHIVAM @ SHIBU**....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****....Respondent****CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL**

Present:- Mr. Onkar Rai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

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.63, dated 02.05.2025, registered under Section 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act, added later on), registered at Police Station Satnampura, District Kapurthala.

2. This Court vide order dated 06.04.2026 had directed the petitioner to join the investigation within a week and to cooperate with the investigating agency.

3. At this juncture, learned State counsel, on instructions from investigating officer, has submitted that the petitioner has not joined the

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investigation in terms of the order dated 06.04.2026, as directed by the Court and prays that the present petition be dismissed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has not joined the investigation due to some unavoidable circumstances.

5. Heard.

6. In spite of a clear direction issued by this Court to join and cooperate with the investigation, the petitioner has failed to comply and has willfully avoided participation in the proceedings. Such conduct demonstrates a lack of bona fides and undermines the investigative process. Grant of anticipatory bail is a discretionary relief, contingent upon the applicant's willingness to cooperate with law enforcement; the petitioner's non-compliance reflects an attempt to evade due process. In these circumstances, no ground is made out for extending the extraordinary protection of anticipatory bail, and the petition is accordingly dismissed.

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

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