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

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Date of decision: 23.04.2026

AKASHDEEP SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. G.S. Minhas, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

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.63 dated 22.04.2025 registered under Sections 180, 3(5) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1).

2. On 08.04.2026, 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.63 dated 22.04.2025 registered under Sections 180, 3(5) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1).

Brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 22.04.2025 police party acting upon a secret information, apprehended one Mehakpreet Singh who was found in conscious possession of counterfeit notes of denomination of Rs.500/- amounting to



Rs.1,20,000/- in total. Initially, the FIR in question was registered against the said co-accused.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further contends that the petitioner was neither present at the spot, nor was named in the FIR and he has no concern with the said incident. He further contends that the petitioner has been nominated as an accused only on the basis of the disclosure statement made by co-accused. Apart from the disclosure statement, there is no other evidence to connect the petitioner with the offence in question and it is a trite law that disclosure statement of the co-accused during his/her custodial interrogation is not admissible in evidence. No recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. Petitioner has clean antecedents as he is not involved in any other case. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits 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 in the matter and while referring to the status report, has opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail, by submitting that the allegations levelled against the petitioner is serious in nature. However, he could not controvert the fact that the petitioner is a first time offender and is not involved in any other case.

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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 petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 08.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

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

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the interim order dated 08.04.2026 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.

23.04.2026*Gurpreet***(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE**

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