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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 11.05.2026

Balwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.36 dated 04.03.2026, registered under Sections 111 of BNS, 2023 and sections 25, 27 of Arms Act and sections 249, 253, 61(2), 55 BNS, 2023 added later on (corresponding sections 212, 216, 120-B, 115 IPC) at Police Station Sadar Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. On 09.04.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) *After registration of the FIR, two co-accused, namely Jashanpreet Singh and Amrit Singh, were arrested in the first instance, and one pistol along with 60 live cartridges was recovered from their possession. Based on their disclosures, it emerged that the said ammunition had been procured from another accused, Lovepreet Singh. Upon his arrest, 08 live cartridges were recovered from his possession.*

Subsequently, a disclosure statement of Lovepreet Singh was recorded,

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pursuant to which present petitioner was implicated in the case with the allegation that he had supplied 20 cartridges to Lovepreet Singh at a consideration of Rs.20,000/-. In his statement, Lovepreet Singh further disclosed that one Robin, who is residing abroad, had contacted him and instructed him to procure the cartridges from the petitioner.

(iii) Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that allegations levelled against the petitioner are false, baseless, and without any substantive evidence. It is further contended that petitioner is willing to join the investigation and fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is granted protection from arrest by this Court. Thus, it is prayed that concession of anticipatory bail be granted to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

(vi) Adjourned to 11.05.2026.

(vii) Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(viii) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport. It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Waryam Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 21.04.2026, and as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

4. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 09.04.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.



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5. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. However, present order would be subject to the submission of his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, he would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

7. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES/NO
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