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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 11.05.2026

Gabbar Singh alias Gora

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Suman Rani, 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.77 dated 08.08.2025, registered under Section 118(1), 118(2), 126(2), 115(2), 191(3), 190, 117(4) BNS (sections 324, 326, 341, 323, 148, 149, 325 IPC) at Police Station Sadar Rampura, District Bathinda.

2. On 08.04.2026, following order was passed:

“(i) xx xx xx xx

(ii) Incident in the present case took place on 06.08.2025 at about 04:30 p.m., wherein two persons, namely, Amandeep Singh (complainant) and Akashdeep Singh, suffered injuries. There are a total of four accused, namely: (i) Lovepreet Singh @ Labhi, (ii) Tiwana Singh @ Mani, (iii) Bhura Singh, and (iv) Vicky Singh.

It is alleged that Lovepreet Singh @ Labhi inflicted a kirpan blow on the right wrist of complainant-Amandeep Singh. Vicky Singh allegedly gave a



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baseball bat blow on the shoulder of the complainant and also on his hass(?). Bhura Singh is stated to have inflicted a kirpan blow, causing injury to the right bicep of complainant-Amandeep Singh. Tiwana Singh @ Mani, though stated to be armed with a kirpan, is alleged to have raised a lalkara, abused loudly, exhorted the others not to spare them, and participated in beating the companions of the complainant.

(iii) Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that no specific injury has been attributed to the petitioner, though he is alleged to be armed with a kirpan. Counsel further submits that there is no motive attributable to the present petitioner, as it is alleged that the complainant and co-accused Lovepreet Singh @ Labhi were not on good terms with each other.

Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation, provided he is protected from arrest. Thus, learned counsel prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

(iv) Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

(v) Adjourned to 11.05.2026

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

(vii) 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 Darshan Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 11.04.2026, 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 08.04.2026 passed



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by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

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~~
~~YES~~/NO**