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

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CRM-M-51037-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.09.2026

Manoj Kumar @ Manoj Dudi

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Haryana

...Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. Robin Dutt, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Sahni, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana

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**VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)**

The prayer in the present petition preferred by the petitioner under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'the BNSS') is for the grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.246, dated 02.08.2026 registered at Police Station City Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa under Sections 109(1), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'the BNS').

2. On the statement of one Rajesh Kumar, the FIR in question was registered, the translated version of which (as given in Annexure P-1) is as under:-

*"To, the SHO, Police Station City Dabwali. Sir, it is submitted that I Rajesh Kumar son of Bhalaram resident of Jandwala Bishnoiya and has been working as a salesman at the Unique Associates Wine Shop, Shergarh, for about 4-5 months. On 01-08-26, at around 10:30 PM, three boys-Rajat son of Dalip, Manoj Dudi son of Rajkumar, and Harsh son of Prabhu all residents of Shergarh came to the shop on a black Pulsar motorcycle to buy liquor. I know them well. They have purchased liquor from the shop multiple times before. A short while later at around 10:40 PM they returned to the shop bought liquor and left. After that, I locked the gate of the shop and went inside to sleep. Then after about an hour*



*and a half on dated 02.08.2026 at around 12:15 AM all three boys came back again and began knocking on the gate and demanded liquor. I told them that it was past closing time and I could not sell them liquor now. Then they began striking the door with an iron rod, saying they wanted liquor right away. I called my known Kailash son of Patram resident of Jandwala Bishnoiya from my phone. A short while later he arrived at the spot along along with Krishan son of Rampal Singh resident of Ratanpura, Tehsil Rajgarh. The boys started quarreling with them as well. I also dialled 112. I opened the gate, and before the police vehicle arrived, they shouted, "Call whoever you want, we have firearms!" In the meantime, Manoj pulled out a pistol, said "Today I will teach you a lesson for not giving us liquor," and fired a shot directly at me. Following this, Rajat and Harsh told Manoj, "Shoot and kill his companions too with the pistol." Manoj then fired 3-4 shots with the pistol targeting us with the intention to kill. I immediately shut the gate, the bullets hit the gate and I took cover to protect myself. Harsh had an iron rod in his hand and attempted to break the gate with it. Rajat picked up a brick and threw it toward me through the window but I ducked to the side and hid. Just then, the police vehicle arrived. Upon seeing the police, all three fled the spot along with their respective weapons. Out of fear during the night, I could not write down the complaint immediately, but now I have presented myself at Police Station City Dabwali to submit it. Rajat son of Dalip, Manoj Dudi son of Rajkumar, and Harsh son of Prabhu residents of Shergarh have opened fire on me and my companions with the intention to kill us. Strict legal action should be taken against them. Sd/- Rajesh Kumar."*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He submits that the petitioner does not possess a gun and, therefore, there was no question of his having opened fire. He further submits that it is a totally concocted version with a view to falsely implicate the petitioner. He submits that there is a delay of 12 hours in lodging the FIR despite the fact that a police team had come to the spot after the complainant allegedly dialed '112'. Learned counsel submits that the antecedents of the petitioner are clean and he is willing to join investigation and abide by any condition imposed by the Court.



4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for the grant of anticipatory bail stating that three empty cartridges were recovered from the spot apart from one Goli Sikka (led of a bullet). He submits that under the circumstances, custodial interrogation would be required.

5. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. The allegation against the petitioner is of he having fired 3-4 shots with his pistol at the complainant in the dead of the night. Three empty cartridges were recovered from the spot along with led of a bullet. The concrete wall was found to be damaged. Under the circumstances, this Court does not find any reason to extend the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. In fact, custodial interrogation would be imperative to elicit the truth.

7. That being so, the petition is found to be devoid of merit and is accordingly dismissed.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

However, nothing stated herein above shall be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

**(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**September 09, 2026**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No