



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

(123)

CRM-M-72486-2025

Date of Decision: 20.3.2026

Abhishek Gupta

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Rubal Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Varsha Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 58 dated 01.10.2025, under Sections 316(2), 85 of BNS, 2023 and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Women, Patiala.

2. Vide order dated 23.2.2026, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“x x x x

On 22.12.2025, the parties were directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement.

As per the report dated 2.2.2026 received from the Mediator, the parties have amicably settled their dispute.

In view of the above, the petitioner is directed to join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. He shall



abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023;-

(1) That the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so.

(2) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts to the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to Court or to any police officer.

(3) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.

Adjourned to 20.3.2026."

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Jaspreet Kaur, submits that in compliance of order dated 23.2.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 26.2.2026 and is not required for any further investigation.

4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 23.2.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute, subject to the condition enumerated under Section 482(2) BNSS.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read as granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. Liberty is reserved with the investigating agency/complainant to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.), in the event of violation of any term, stipulated under Section 482(2) BNSS, or upon showing any other sufficient cause.



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7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

March 20th, 2026
Gurpreet Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No