



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

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**CRM-M No.3863 of 2026
Date of decision : 5.3.2026
Date of uploading : 6.3.2026**

Karan**Petitioner**
Versus
State of Punjab**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Tarun K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 23.1.2026, the following order was passed:

'The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of anticipatory bail in a case arising out of FIR No.0131 dated 31.10.2025, registered under Sections 115(2), 333 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNS') (Section 117(2) of the BNS, 2023 added later on), at Police Station Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur.

The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of the statement recorded by the complainant-Khushbu on 31.10.2025, alleging that the present petitioner, who is her relative, used to harass her. It is alleged that on 26.10.2025, the petitioner came to her house, hurled abuses at her and struck a blow with a half-burnt piece of wood, thereby causing injury to her left wrist. It is further alleged that the petitioner used to tease the complainant as well as other girls of the village.

After conducting inquiry, the FIR was registered and the investigation is underway. Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner moved an application for grant of pre-arrest bail, which was dismissed by the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, Ferozepur, vide order dated 12.01.2026.

It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that the petitioner had



already been ordered to join the investigation in compliance with the order passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Ferozepur vide order dated 12.12.2025 but could not join on account of adding the offence under Section 117(2) of the BNS. The offences are bailable in nature and triable by a Magistrate. The petitioner is now ready and willing to join the investigation. His custodial interrogation is not required. No recovery is to be effected from him. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, learned Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State and seeks time for filing status report.

Adjourned to 05.03.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

It would, however, be open to the learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab to file a reply indicating the involvement of the petitioner and all aspects would be considered at the time of final adjudication of the matter.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 23.1.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 23.1.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 23.1.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

4. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner 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.



5. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

6. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

5.3.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No