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

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**Date of decision: 21.07.2025**

Anil Kumar Chopra @ Shetty

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. Rajinder Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG Punjab.

None for the complainant.

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**SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)**

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.93 dated 04.05.2025, under Sections 108 and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 (earlier Sections 306 and 304 of IPC) registered at Police Station City Jagraon District Ludhiana Rural.

2. On 28.05.2025 the following order was passed:-

*“Contends, inter alia, that co-accused, namely, Sanjiv Chopra @ Sanjiv Kumar and another have already been granted interim protection by this Court in CRM-M-27751-2025.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Ms. Manjot Kaur, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.*

*Posted for 21.07.2025.*

*In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but he be not arrested till the next date of hearing. To be heard along with CRM-M-27751-2025.”*



3. Learned State counsel has stated that pursuant to the order dated 28.05.2025, though the petitioner has joined investigation but his custodial interrogation is required on the ground of gravity of offence. He has filed the status report by way of an affidavit of Jasyjot Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Jagraon, District Ludhiana (Rural) in Court today, which is taken on record.

4. Case has been called out twice since morning. None has caused appearance on behalf of the complainant.

5. In view of above and the entirety of facts and circumstances of the case, the interim order dated 28.05.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 as the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is only being sought for on account of the offence being serious in nature.

6. 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.

7. 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, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

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



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9. 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**

**July 21, 2025**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No