

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

2025:PHHC:086182



(210)

**CRM-M-28267-2025
Decided on :16.07.2025**

RAVI KUMAR @ RAVI

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, JUDGE

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.41 dated 15.02.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 115(2) (323 of IPC), 118 (1) (324 of IPC), 351 (2) (506 of IPC), 3 (5) (34 of IPC) of BNS, 2023 (Section 118 (2) (326 of IPC), 317 (2) (411 of IPC) of BNS, 2023 added later on) registered at Police at Police Station Division No.8, District Ludhiana.

2. On 29.05.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Mr. Harshpreet Singh, ACP Detective-1, C.P. Ludhiana is present and has filed the status report dated 28.05.2025 in the form of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Civil Lines, Ludhiana. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Mr. Sukhmandar Singh, No.576, P.S. Division No.8, Ludhiana, Investigating Officer of the case present in Court has not brought any record of the case. For such misconduct on the part of the

Investigating Officer of the case present in Court without the police file or any other record to assist the learned State counsel and the Court, the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana is directed to take appropriate legal action against the erring official under intimation to this Court. The action taken report be submitted to this Court by the next date of hearing.

3. Heard.

4. Considering the rival contention and perusing the paper book, it transpires that the petitioner is not named in the FIR nor is having any criminal antecedents but he has been allegedly nominated on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused.

5. Be it the case, without commenting on the merits, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. List on 16.07.2025.

7. Investigating Officer of the case to remain present in Court along with record on that date.”

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation. Learned State counsel has also filed an action taken report dated 15.07.2025 by way of affidavit of Mr. Swapan Sharma (IPS), Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. The same be kept on record.

4. Accordingly, keeping in view the above, the instant petition is allowed and interim order dated 29.05.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023.

5. The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana is directed to submit a compliance report regarding the final action taken in the departmental proceedings against the delinquent police officials within six weeks from today.

6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be interpreted as 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 to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) 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.

9. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed off.

July 16, 2025

Naveen

**(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No