



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

**CRM-M-16714-2025
DECIDED ON: 26.03.2025**

BALRAJ **.....PETITIONER**

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA **.....RESPONDENT**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH.

Present: Mr. Ankit Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Balraj, aged about 52 years	457	16.03.2023	174-A of IPC	Karnal Civil Lines	Karnal

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that although the petitioner was never received summons in the complaint case, yet he was declared a proclaimed person vide order dated 16.02.2023. On coming to know of the proceedings, subsequently, petitioner appeared on 13.03.2025 and joined the proceedings under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Further, it is submitted that the petitioner has recently become aware of the pendency of registration of the FIR under Section 174-A of the IPC, as a result of the order dated 16.02.2023. Petitioner expresses his inclination to appear and join the said proceedings also. Petitioner also submits that he is willing to settle the dispute in the main case under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, also.

Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State.

6. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by counsel for the parties, and thereupon, dispose of the present petition, with a direction that in case, petitioner surrenders before the concerned Court, in case, FIR No.457 dated 16.03.2023 under Section 174-A of IPC, Police Station Civil Lines Karnal, **on or before 15.04.2025**, he would be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Court concerned.

7. Disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

26.03.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*
Whether reportable *Yes/No*