IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CNR No: PHHC011521902026
2026:PHHC:128594

CRM-M-51530 of 2026(O&M)
Date of Order:11.09.2026

Deepak Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (oral)

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.114 dated 07.07.2026, under Sections 309(4), 312, 351(2), 3(5) and 126(2) BNS, Police Station Guhla, District Kaithal. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a college student, aged 21 years and had no role in the commission of offence. His name figured in the disclosure statement of co-accused. There was a delay of 3 days in registration of FIR. Petitioner was ready and willing to join investigation.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG Haryana, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail submitting that petitioner had major role in the commission offence as he had placed a *sword* on the neck of the complainant Satpal

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while others were looting the liquor vend. Custodial interrogation of the petitioner was required to elicit useful information, make discoveries and to effect recovery of *swora* and looted articles .

5. Petitioner along with two co-accused is alleged to have committed robbery in a liquor vend at village Kharkan in the night of 04/05.07.2026 at 1:00 a.m. Large quantity of liquor, Rs.25/30,000/- cash, mobile phone was looted and CCTV cameras were broken.

6. Power under Section 482 BNSS is extraordinary in nature and cannot be exercised in routine, on mere asking. Concession of pre-arrest bail can be granted only in exceptional circumstances, considering the nature and gravity of accusation, possibility of the applicant fleeing from justice and various other factors. Hence, the Court must exercise restraint and circumspection in such matters. Anticipatory bail cannot be claimed as of right and cannot be granted as a matter of rule, unless a clear case therefor is made out and exceptional circumstances are shown to exist.

7. Recoveries are to be effected and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessitated for just, proper and effective investigation to unearth the chain of events leading to commission of offence, identity of co-accused and to elicit useful information. There are no exceptional circumstances made out to extend the benefit of anticipatory bail. Grant of anticipatory bail in cases like the present one would amount to undue interference in the investigation which is not desirable.

8. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition for anticipatory bail is dismissed.

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All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No

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