



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

**CRM-M-51918-2024**

**Date of decision: 21.11.2024**

NIRMALA RANI AND ANR

....PETITIONER

## Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

**...RESPONDENT**

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present: - Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Seena Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

**SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)**

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioners seek anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

| <b>FIR No.</b> | <b>Dated</b> | <b>Sections</b>                     | <b>Police Station</b>            |
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| 166            | 09.07.2019   | 353, 186, 332, 333, 148, 149 of IPC | Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka. |

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance to the order dated 21.10.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioners have already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 21.10.2024.

3. Learned State counsel intimates the Court that the petitioners have joined investigation and are neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

4. During the course of hearing on 21.10.2024, following order was passed:



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“ 2. It is, *inter alia*, contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case without there being any specific overt act attributed to them. She contends that the petitioners are not having any criminal antecedents nor they have participated in the alleged occurrence in any manner. He further contends that the petitioners are ready to join investigation. Hence, pray for grant of concession of anticipatory bail.

3. Notice of motion.

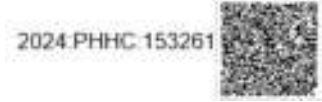
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

5. Adjourned to 21.11.2024.

6. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

7. In the meanwhile, the petitioners are hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of their arrest, they are ordered to be released on interim bail on their furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. They shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the *Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS)*. ”

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioners had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 21.10.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 21.10.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the



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petitioners are directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; they will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6.           The petition stands allowed.
7.           It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)  
JUDGE

21.11.2024  
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- i)           Whether speaking/reasoned?                   Yes/No
- ii)          Whether reportable?                           Yes/No