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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**CRM-M-6695-2025****Decided on : 18.03.2025**

Nilesh Subhash Salunkhe

... Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh and another

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present : Mr. Abhinav Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Medha Kaushal, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Rahil Mahajan, Additional P.P. for U.T. Chandigarh

Mr. Pushpinder Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. This is the first petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.165 dated 27.12.2024 under Sections 406, 498-A and 420 IPC registered at Women Police Station, District Chandigarh.

2. In compliance with the order dated 17.02.2025 passed by this Court, a report dated 17.03.2025 has been received from the General Counsellors Cell of this Court, indicating that both parties have reached a mutual settlement on terms of their divorce settlement, including, financial matters, that is, permanent alimony of Rs. 25 lacs to Yukti Nilesh Salunkhe @ Yukti Datta (Respondent No. 2). The said amount shall be paid in four installments. Both the parties agreed to part



ways by way of mutual divorce. Both the parties shall move appropriate applications/petitions for withdrawal of all the pending cases in the Courts of Law and in future shall not proceed against each other in any manner. Point of visitation rights of the second party to meet the daughter was also mutually agreed on by the parties.

3. Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 does not dispute the factum of the compromise.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that in view of the settlement reached between the parties, the first installment of ₹ 7.5 lacs shall be handed over by way of cheque/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT to respondent No. 2 on or before 10.04.2025.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. It is directed that in case in future the petitioner is required to join the investigation process, then he shall join the investigation and cooperate fully with the investigation process. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Arresting/Investigating Officer on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) BNSS.

6. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the 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. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner.

8. The accused/petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any



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inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

- 9. The accused/petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
- 10. The accused/petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.
- 11. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS (erstwhile Section 439(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973) to arrest the accused, in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.
- 12. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of accordingly.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

March 18, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No