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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 08.04.2025

Pritam Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGHPresent:-. Mr. Abhishek Chhoker, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG Punjab

KIRTI SINGH, J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.157 dated 26.10.2024, under Sections 354, 354-A, 406, 498-A & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Patiala,

2. This Court, while issuing notice of motion, passed the following order on 20.02.2025:-

“Apprehending arrest in FIR No.157 dated 26.10.2024, under Sections 354, 354-A, 406, 498-A & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Patiala, the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner is a 65 years old lady. Earlier, interim protection had been granted by the Sessions Court and the matter was settled. However, the petitioner failed to join the investigation due to health issues and the anticipatory bail was dismissed by the Sessions Court. He further



placed reliance upon Annexure P3 to submit that the matter has been compromised between both the parties.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file reply.

Adjourned to 11.03.2025.

Meanwhile, the arrest of the petitioner(s) shall remain stayed till the next date of hearing.

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.”

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 25.03.2025, the petitioner was again directed to join investigation.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurpreet Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further investigation.
5. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 25.03.2025 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.
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 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) 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.

08.04.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No
Yes/No