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

**CRM-M-16701-2025
Date of decision: 15.07.2025**

RAJESH KUMAR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Rahul Kumar Adia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan Singh Rai, Senior DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.254 dated 29.11.2024, under Section 85 of BNS, registered at Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it a case where the petitioner and respondent No.2-complainant are married with each other and the matter has already been settled between the parties and thereafter, rather a separate petition has been filed for quashing of the FIR on the basis of compromise. He further submitted that on 08.04.2025, the arrest of the petitioner was stayed and thereafter, he has joined the investigation and has fully cooperated with the investigation process and therefore, he may be considered for the grant of anticipatory bail.



3. On the other hand, Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan Singh Rai, Senior DAG, Punjab submitted on instructions that the petitioner has joined the investigation and has fully cooperated with the investigation process and he is not required for custodial interrogation, especially in view of the fact that the matter has been settled between the petitioner and respondent No.2-complainant and they have married each other.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, 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) of the BNSS, 2023.

15.07.2025
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No