



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

106-1

CRM-M-20648-2025
Date of decision: 19.11.2025

RAMAN GHUMAN

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate and
Mr. Jaiveer Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravinder Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS"), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.18 dated 26.03.2025 under Sections 316(2) and 61(2) of the BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station NRI, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

2. On 22.04.2025, following order had been passed: -

"Petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.18 dated 26.03.2025 registered under Sections 316(2) and 61(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station NRI, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner, who is having very high academic and professional credentials, has been dragged in the present case by her own family member due to a property dispute. Learned counsel next



submits that as per the allegations levelled by the complainant herself, Johnpreet Singh, co-accused, had allegedly withheld the passport, jewellery, gold, diamond etc. with a promise to keep it safe and the allegations were primarily levelled against him only. No specific attribution of any act or omission on the part of the petitioner was alleged against her. He next submits that even the alleged incident is stated to have occurred on 08.01.2025, whereas the FIR was got registered by the complainant on 26.03.2025 after almost 2½ months. He next submits that the parties are closely related to each other and the petitioner is ready to go for the mediation with the complainant in the present case.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner and her co-accused had misappropriated four gold sets, one diamond set, eleven gold bangles two bracelets of gold, five thousand US Dollars and other valuables and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for effecting the recovery of various articles.

List on 02.07.2025.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, she shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of arresting/investigating officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C./482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

With the consent of both the parties, the matter is referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

Both the parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 25.04.2025.”



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 22.04.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Raj Kumar, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for further investigation.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner and seeks dismissal of the present petition.

6. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the interim order dated 22.04.2025 is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

19.11.2025

Mohit Bishnoi

(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

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