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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

106-II

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Date of decision: 19.11.2025

JOHNPREET SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Pratham Sethi, 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 483 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, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Annexure P-1).

2. On 05.08.2025, following order had been passed: -

"Vide order dated 16.05.2025 passed by this Court, the matter was referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. However, learned Mediator has returned the case to the Court as an unsettled matter.

Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of petitioner submits that the allegations on the face of it are highly unbelievable and improbable. As per the complainant, on 08.01.2025, the complainant had to attend a ring ceremony of her niece at Samrala, District Ludhiana, however, while going to Samrala, she handed over four gold sets, one diamond set, 11



gold bangles, two bracelets of gold, two gold ear rings, one diamond ring, four gold rings, 5000 US Dollars, Rs.1,00,000/- Indian currency, one gold coin and two passports to the petitioner and told him to keep the articles in safe custody. Learned senior counsel submits that it is highly unbelievable that the complainant, who is permanent resident of USA had brought so many jewellery items for the engagement ceremony and surprisingly, she did not carry any gold item/jewellery for the said function. Even otherwise, it is matter of common knowledge that ring ceremony is normally held as one day function and no lady would bring so many gold sets only for one function. Apart from that, the petitioner is having a property dispute with his brother and the mother of the petitioner is residing with his brother. Now, the present complainant, who is aunt (Massi) of the petitioner, has joined hands with his brother and now they are illegally pressurizing him to part with a piece of land, which is owned by the petitioner.

On the other hand learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that in the present case, the present petitioner has misappropriated gold ornaments, foreign currency and passport of the complainant and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is imperative, at this stage.

Adjourned to 23.09.2025.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer subject to the conditions provided under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 05.08.2025 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. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the interim order dated 05.08.2025 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