

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:124059



(207) CRM-M-24784-2025 (O&M)
Decided on : 11.09.2025
Navdeep SinghPetitioner(s)
Versus
State of PunjabRespondent(s)
CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Tanheer Singh Bariana, Advocate, for the petitioner (s).
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Raman Kumar, Advocate for the complainant.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.72 dated 31.03.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 126(2), 351(1), 351(3), 3(5) BNS 2023 at Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.
2. On 07.05.2025, the following order was passed:

“By way of present petition filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

<i>FIR No.</i>	<i>Dated</i>	<i>Sections</i>	<i>Police Station</i>
0072	31.03.2025	115(2), 118(1), 126(2), 351(1), 351(3), 3(5) BNS	Tanda, District Hoshiarpur.

2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in

this case on account of a matrimonial dispute pending between the parties and the complainant had earlier filed a complaint under the Domestic Violence Act against the petitioner and just to harass him has got filed the instant FIR on flimsy grounds.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that there is a delay of 03 days in lodging of the FIR which makes the version doubtful. He contends that even as per the allegations, the injury is on little finger which makes the version more doubtful. He further contends that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents and hence seeks concession of anticipatory bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Jatinderpal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite

6. Adjourned to 26.05.2025.

7. Mr. Raman Kumar, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and has filed his vakalatnama. The same is taken on record.

8. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS.”

3. Since the petitioner and the FIR-complainant are husband and wife, mediation proceedings were earlier initiated, but the same did not fructify.

4. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against

the petitioner are direct & serious in nature and, thus, he ought not to be granted concession of anticipatory bail.

6. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and he is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 07.05.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting 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.

8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

September 11, 2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No