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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26084-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 14.05.2025

**Manpreet Kaur**

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

**State of Punjab and another**

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 0070 dated 16.04.2025, under Sections 85 and 316(2) of BNS, registered at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the sister-in-law of respondent No.2/complainant and is 32 years of age. He submitted that the petitioner is married for the last about seven years and is happily residing with her husband at village Bapiana, District Mansa and all the allegations in the FIR were totally vague and unspecific. He submitted that the petitioner has been implicated just to pressurize the brother of the petitioner in the present case and it is now a common tendency to rope in all the relatives without even looking into the matter as to how they are connected with the offence. He further submitted that even he moved an application for grant of anticipatory bail before the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Mansa who has also passed the



erroneous order without going into the background of the allegations against the petitioner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Gaurav Gurcharan Singh Rai, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab and has stated that he has received an advance copy of the present petition and has sought instructions in the present case. He submitted that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required but she may be directed to join the investigation as and when required.

5. In view of the aforesaid factual position and the statement made by the learned State counsel, the present petition is allowed. It is directed that in case in future the petitioner is required to join the investigation process, then she 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 her furnishing bail bonds /sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

6. After perusing the order passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Mansa, the FIR and the alleged role of the petitioner who is a married sister-in-law of respondent No.2, this Court is of the considered view that the file of this case be sent to the Administrative Judge of Sessions Division Mansa for information.

14.05.2025

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No