

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:124618



(219)

CRM-M-42983-2025
Decided on : 11.09.2025

Nimmi Bhattacharjee

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Anmol Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.0012 dated 31.08.2024, registered for offences punishable under Sections 308(2), 319(2), 318(4), 351(2), 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 (Sections 66-66C of the IT Act, 2020 added later on), at Police Station Cyber Crime, Ludhiana City; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 12.08.2025, the following order was passed:

Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.0012 dated 31.08.2024, registered for offences punishable under Sections 308(2), 319(2), 318(4), 351(2), 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 (Sections 66-66C of the IT Act, 2020 added later on), at Police Station Cyber Crime, Ludhiana City; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the petitioner is a lady aged 36 years, the petitioner is a sleeping partner in a firm along with

one Atanu Chaudhary who is in custody, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Adjourned to 11.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer, on 19.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M., in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

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

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and she is not required for further custodial interrogation, the petition is allowed and the order dated 12.08.2025 granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
8. 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