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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision:- 11.12.2025

Mohammad Rijwan

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Raman Kaswan, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner – Mohammad Rijwan has filed petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 0018 dated 09.06.2025 (Annexure P-1) under Section 316(2), 85 of BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Women, District Patiala.

2. Facts of the case are, complainant Chanda filed written complaint against her husband and members of in-laws family alleged that her marriage was performed in the year 2022. Her parents had given dowry as per their capacity. After some time, her husband and member of in-laws family started harassment in order to get more dowry. Her parents came to



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matrimonial home and matter was reconciled. On 30.08.2024, she was ousted from matrimonial home by her in-laws. She went to Police Post Jagatpuri, where again matter was compromised. Her in-laws disinherited her husband Rijwan and turned out him alongwith her from the house on 19.01.2025. They took tenanted premises and started residing near Haibowal, Police Station Ludhiana. On 13.02.2025, at the instance of her husband, they went to Delhi for his personal work. On 14.02.2025, her husband returned back without informing her and leaving her alone at Delhi. She returned to Ludhiana with great difficulty. She also reported the matter at Police Station Dwarka, Delhi. Her husband sent written application giving *talak* (divorce). Finally, matter was reported to police.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that all allegations levelled against petitioner and his family are false and without any basis. He tried to adjust with complainant and also started living in a rented accommodation. Thereafter, complainant used to leave the house without informing him and finally she was found with someone. He confronted his wife and on this she started quarrelling with him. Petitioner is facing continuous harassment due to number of complaints filed against him in the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. Petitioner further alleged that he has taken his wife to Delhi at her instance as she wanted her treatment from there. Her real sister Muskan is residing at Dwarka, Delhi. She wanted to spend some time with her. She wrongly claimed that he left her in Delhi without informing her. Petitioner is ready to abide by terms of bail order and will cooperate with Investigating Agency.



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4. On the other hand, bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State of Punjab assisted by learned counsel for respondent No.2, alleging that present petitioner is main accused being husband of complainant. There are serious allegations of maltreatment and harassment caused to complainant. Petitioner is yet to join investigation.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. Present FIR has been lodged under the provisions of Section 316, 85 of BNS, 2023. In order to reconcile the matter, both parties were sent to Mediation and Conciliation Centre, but no fruitful result could be achieved. Since no recovery is to be effected from petitioner, no purpose would be served by sending him behind the bars. Therefore, without going on the merits of case, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner Mohammad Rijwan is allowed. He be not arrested. In case of his arrest, he be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

11.12.2025

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No