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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 01.12.2025

Bimla Rani

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.223 dated 21.07.2025, under Section 15 of NDPS Action (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on) at PS Guruharshai, District Ferozepur.

2. On 05.09.2025, following order was passed:
“(i) *Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:*

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Bimla Rani, aged about 33 years	223	21.07.2025	15 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on)	Guruharshai	Ferozepur



(ii) *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, solely on the ground that she is already facing two other criminal cases, and is, therefore, known to the police.*

It is submitted that her name was surfaced only through the disclosure statement of co-accused, Harjinder Singh @ Tarji, from whom 5 kilograms of poppy husk was allegedly recovered. It is further submitted that the recovered quantity falls within the intermediate range, and is significantly below the threshold for commercial quantity.

(iii) *Further submits that, apart from the disclosure statement of the co-accused, prosecution does not possess any independent or corroborative evidence to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

(iv) *Notice of motion.*

(v) *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

(vi) *Adjourned to 01.12.2025.*

(vii) *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

(viii) *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance to the order dated 05.09.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 22.11.2025.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 22.11.2025 by the



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petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

- 5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
- 6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 05.09.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.
- 7. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
- 8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, she would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.
- 9. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO