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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53030-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 10.11.2025

GURDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Ram Pal Kohle, Advocate  
for petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Dhiraj Jindal, Advocate  
for respondent No.2.

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SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.14, dated 09.08.2025, under Sections 85 and 316(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Women Police Station, Sangrur, District Sangrur. This is his first application for anticipatory bail.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that marriage of the petitioner with complainant in the FIR was solemnized on 05.02.2017 and there remained disputes between the parties on account of which respondent No.2 left the matrimonial home on 10.03.2024. He further submits that the wife filed two cases i.e. Civil Suit No.81/2024 for recovery of marriage expenses and another under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for maintenance, which were pending in the Family Court at Sangrur. The FIR in the present case was lodged after delay of one and half years and only intention of

respondent No.2 is to extort money. He further submits that arrest of the petitioner would not serve any purpose. He further submits that pursuant to interim orders of the Court dated 19.09.2025, petitioner had joined investigation.

3. Vide order dated 19.09.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit dated 08.11.2025, which is taken on record. On instructions from Investigating Officer, he has submitted that petitioner has joined investigation on 24.09.2025 but did not get any recovery effected.

5. Matter was referred to mediation but as per report, it was a non-starter case.

6. Anticipatory bail cannot be declined only for the reason that no recovery has been effected. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 19.09.2025, granting interim anticipatory bail to petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

10.11.2025

Sumit Singla

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | : | Yes/No |