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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 04.11.2025

DR. NITIN BANSAL

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Ankit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Divyadeep Walia, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.18 dated 10.09.2025 under Sections 406, 498-A, 34 IPC, Police Station Women Cell Bathinda, District Bathinda. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. On 01.10.2025, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 18 dated 10.09.2025 under Sections 406, 498-A and 34 of Indian Penal Code, Police Station Women Cell, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was husband of respondent No.2. Both the husband and wife were MD Doctors. They were married on 14.09.2015 and the marriage was 10 years ago. A girl child was born out of the wedlock on 24.08.2016. He further submits that there was not a single complaint against the husband or his family members in last 10 years. Respondent No.2 had completed her M.D. from P.G.I, Chandigarh and the parents-in-law had given surety of



Rs.55 lakhs in respect of her bond which was executed in favour of PGI. There was no question of any demand of dowry and the allegations of cruelty, harassment, taunts and relationship of petitioner with another lady were false and frivolous. Petitioner had filed a petition under Section 9 of the Hindu Marriage Act for restitution of conjugal rights and was willing to reconcile the differences. He further submits that petitioner has clean antecedents and was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab, accept notice on behalf of the State and prays for time to file status report.

Let, status report be filed by the Police on 04.11.2025.

Meanwhile, petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of his arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.”

3. Mr. Divyadeep Walia, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent No.2 and files vakalatnama. The same is made part of the record. Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Karamjit Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (CAWC) Bathinda, District Bathinda on behalf of State of Punjab has been filed, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel concedes that petitioner had joined investigation. He further states that cash of ₹15,00,000/- and gold are yet to be recovered from the petitioner. The prayer for anticipatory bail is opposed. Learned counsel for the complainant states that petitioner was transferring all money received



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from complainant to another lady with whom he had an affair and did not deserve to be enlarged on anticipatory bail.

4. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be denied, in the facts and circumstances of the case, for the sole reason that some dowry articles are yet to be recovered. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 01.10.2025, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

5. Since parties are willing for mediation, they will move appropriate application before the Area Magistrate for referring the matter to Mediation under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority.

6. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

04.11.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No