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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

221/3

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Decided on: 02.12.2025

Ruby Bedi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Ashu Rana, Advocate for
Mr. Mitul Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbir Singh, DAG Punjab

Mr. Vishal Thakur, Advocate
for the complainant

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.0243 dated 24.07.2025, under Section 108 of BNS at PS City Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On 08.10.2025, 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
Rub Bedi, aged about 37 years	0243	24.07.2025	108 of BNS	City Hoshiarpur	Hoshiarpur



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(ii) *Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that in the present case, the deceased – Rohit, committed suicide on 22.07.2025. Subsequently, an FIR was registered by his sister, Shikha Devi, under Section 306 IPC (Section 108 BNS).*

As per the allegations levelled in the FIR, co-accused Radha Rani, aged 65 years, is related to the deceased as his mother-in-law. The allegation against her is that she gave him a slap in the first week of June 2025. Another co-accused, Subhash @ Subhash Chander, aged 79 years, is related to the deceased as his father-in-law. The allegation against him is that he attempted to stab the deceased with a knife with the intention to kill him. Another co-accused, Labhu Ram, aged 33 years, is related to the deceased as his brother-in-law (sala). One more co-accused, namely, Shabana Mehta @ Jhanvi (sister-in-law of the deceased), has also been mentioned as having connived with the others. So far as the present petitioner, i.e., Ruby Bedi (wife of the deceased), is concerned, it is alleged that coaccused Labhu Ram (brother-in-law) caught hold of the deceased's arm while petitioner put chilli powder in his eyes.

All these incidents are alleged to have occurred in the first week of June 2025, whereas the suicide was committed on 22.07.2025. However, no complaint was ever made by the deceased during his lifetime, nor by any other family member, including his sister, Shikha Devi, explaining or raising any allegations regarding the alleged incident said to have taken place in the first week of June 2025.

(iii) *Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the allegations are vague and appear to have been made only to implicate every family member for extraneous reasons. Notably, if any such incident had actually occurred in the past, the deceased himself never lodged any complaint. Additionally, no medical examination was conducted to substantiate the claim that chilli powder was put in Rohit's eyes. Hence, the allegations cannot be accepted at their face value, as they have been made nearly two months after the alleged incident. Even assuming the allegations to be true, they do not constitute instigation to commit suicide by any individual. Consequently, no offence punishable under Section 108 of the BNS is made out. Furthermore, there is neither any suicide note nor any incriminating chat or mobile messages to support the allegations levelled by the complainant in the FIR.*

He further submits that co-accused, namely, Shabana Mehta @ Jhanvi, has already been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court vide order dated 12.09.2025, passed in CRM-M-51536-2025 (Annexure P 3), and the other co-accused, i.e., Radha Rani, Subhash @ Subhash Chander, and Labhu Ram,

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have also been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court vide order dated 25.09.2025, passed in CRM-M-53539-2025 (Annexure P-4). Moreover, the petitioner is also ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, learned counsel 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) At this stage, Mr. Vishal Thakur, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and files his memo of appearance. He seeks time to file his Vatkalanatma in the registry in due course of time.

(vii) Adjourned to 02.12.2025.

(viii) Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of her arrest, petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to her 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.).

(ix) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possess. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she do not possess any passport.

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

(x) To be heard alongwith CRM-M-51536-2025 ”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance to the order dated 08.10.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 31.10.2025.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 31.10.2025 by the 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.

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6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 08.10.2025 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

02.12.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

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