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

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Date of Decision: 11.11.2025

PARDEEP KUMAR**...Petitioner****V/S****STATE OF HARYANA****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

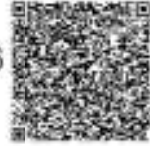
Present: Mr. Amarsh Dudeja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG Haryana

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.218 dated 01.09.2025, under Sections 115, 351(2), 64(1), 74 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, Police Station Sector-14, Panchkula, Haryana. This is his first application for anticipatory bail.

2. Prosecutrix alleged that accused Pardeep son of Prithvi Singh was known to her for the last 4-5 years. Pardeep was married and his wife left him in 2022. In the same year, Pardeep took her to his house and committed wrongful act without her consent. When she protested, he threatened to kill her and out of fear, she did not report the matter. She further stated that Pardeep took her to his home in Indira Colony on the morning on the pretext of getting work done, where he sexually assaulted her, made her work in the house and dropped her back home.



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Whenever she protested, he would beat and abuse her and she did not lodge any complaint. On 31.08.2025, Pardeep came to drop her home at night and they had an argument outside the house. When her sister arrived, Pardeep abused and assaulted her and tore her clothes. Pardeep was a habitual offender and had been threatening to kill her.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter-alia* submits that petitioner and prosecutrix were in a consensual live-in-relationship for the last 4-5 years and the prosecutrix had been frequently visiting house of the petitioner, with her free will. He further submits that prosecutrix used to spend entire day in house of petitioner, even while he was away for work and it was a case of consensual relationship turned sour. In March 2021, prosecutrix took the petitioner to a 'Dargah' at Sarhind where they signed some papers in Urdu and the prosecutrix started claiming that she was married with the petitioner. The FIR was registered in order to pressurize and humiliate the petitioner when disputes arose between the parties in August, 2025. He further submits that pursuant to order dated 15.10.2025 petitioner had joined investigation.

4. Vide order dated 15.10.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

5. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Rakesh Kumar, HPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Panchkula on behalf of respondent/State of Haryana and on instructions submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

6. Petitioner has already joined the investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 15.10.2025 and his further custodial interrogation is not required.

Whether or not, in the facts and circumstances of the case, the offence under



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Section 376 IPC would be made out, is a matter of trial. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 15.10.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

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(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No