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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 10.12.2025

MANDEEP SINGH

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Mr. J.S.Thind, Advocate  
for respondent No.2.

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Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.78 dated 08.10.2025 under Sections 316(2), 85 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Women, District Amritsar. This is his first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 14.11.2025, following order was passed:-

*“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 78 dated 08.10.2025 under Sections 316(2) & 85 BNS, 2023, at Police Station Women, District Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that marriage of petitioner with respondent No.2 was solemnized on 02.03.2020 and the couple was blessed with a child on 27.06.2022. He further submits that it was a case of marital discord on account of temperamental issues of respondent No.2, who was cruel, abusive and insulted the petitioner. Her attitude towards the minor child was also inhuman and on one occasion, she gave merciless beatings to the child regarding which MLR was prepared. He further submits*



*that respondent No.2 had been pressurising petitioner to buy property in her name or reside in her parents home as 'ghar jamai'. Petitioner filed a divorce petition against her on 07.06.2025 on the ground of cruelty and the FIR lodged on complaint dated 08.07.2025 was a counter blast to the divorce petition.*

*Notice of motion.*

*Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks some time to file the status report.*

*Mr. J.S. Thind, Advocate and Mr. Divyanshu Bansal, Advocate accept notice on behalf of Respondent No.2 and place on file memo of appearance. The same is made part of the record. They seek time to file Vakalatnama.*

*Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that there were specific allegations of cruelty and demand of dowry articles against the petitioner. He was the only accused booked by the police and his custodial interrogation was required for recovery of dowry articles.*

*List again on 04.12.2025.*

*In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.*

*Status report in the matter be filed on the date already fixed.”*

3. Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Jaswinder Singh, P.P.S., Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime Against Women & Children), Amritsar City on behalf of respondent No.1-State is already on the file. Vakalatnama of Mr. Jaswinder Singh Thind, Advocate on behalf of respondent No.2 is also on the file. The same be tagged at appropriate place.
4. Learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for respondent No.2, submits that petitioner joined investigation on 19.11.2025



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but did not cooperate as he did not get recovered gold ornaments and other articles of *Istridhan* claiming that he was not in possession thereof.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that when disputes arose between the parties, petitioner and respondent No.2 shifted to a separate accommodation at Jeevan Singh Nagar, Jalandhar. Petitioner was, in fact, not in possession of any articles of *Istridhan*, which had been taken away by the complainant.

6. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be denied, in the facts and circumstances of the case, for the sole reason that gold and other articles are yet to be recovered. Whether or not the said articles were entrusted to the petitioner is a matter of trial.

7. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 14.11.2025, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) *Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita*, 2023.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)  
JUDGE

10.12.2025  
HS.CHAUHAN

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| Whether Speaking/Reasoned : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable :        | Yes/No |