



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

206/2 CRM-M-3442-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 20.05.2026.

Anita Sharma @ Sunita SharmaPetitioner.

VERSUS
State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

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 First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Anita Sharma @ Sunita Sharma	143	18.10.2025	115(2), 109, 191(3), 190, 351(3) of BNS, 2023 and 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959	Basti Jodhewal	Ludhiana

2. On 22.01.2026, following order was recorded:-

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, submits that as per the FIR lodged by the complainant Aarti Sharma, the alleged incident occurred on 18.10.2025 at about 2:20 p.m., wherein an exchange of heated words took place, followed by a scuffle, during which the accused persons are alleged to have caused injuries to the complainant party.

It is, however, pointed out that except of presence of the petitioner at the spot, no specific role or overt act has been attributed to her, except the allegation that she assaulted the complainant's mother-in-law and slapped the complainant. Petitioner is not alleged to be in possession of any weapon, and no incriminating material has been recovered from her. It is contended that she has been falsely implicated on vague and unsubstantiated allegations, lacking independent corroboration.

3. *Learned counsel further submits that it is the prosecution's own case that the firearm injury has been attributed to the co-accused, Deepak Kumar, who allegedly took out a pistol from his waist, caught hold of the complainant's husband, Vinod Kumar, by the neck, and pointed the pistol at his head. It is further alleged that when the petitioner intervened and pushed his hand, the bullet hit Vinod Kumar on the backside of his right shoulder and exited from the other side. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court.*

Additionally, it is submitted that co-accused Sanjay Sharma has already been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.12.2025 passed in CRM-M-68166-2025 (Annexure P-3), and the same is pending for 18.02.2026. Thus, counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and Mr. Parveen Kumar, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant (through VC mode), and files his vakalatnama in Court today, which is taken on record.*

6. *Adjourned to 18.02.2026.*

To be heard along with CRM-M-68166-2025.

7. *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, the 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.).*

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.*

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

3. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

4. Heard.

5. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 22.01.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, 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.

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

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

20.05.2026

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No
Whether Reportable : Yes/ No