



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

**CRM-M-4092-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.05.2026**

SUKHDEEP SINGH

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Mandeep Nagpal, Advocate
for Mr. Chetan Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner (through V.C.).

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 73 dated 14.09.2025 under Sections 64(2)(M), 308(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station 'E' Division, Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 21.04.2026, following order was passed:

"1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 73 dated 14.09.2025 under Sections 64(2)(M), 308(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station 'E' Division, District Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. Prosecutrix 'L' aged 27 years alleged that she was acquainted with Sukhdeep Singh as he was residing in the village of her sister-in-law. In January 2025, when she was in Hongkong, Sukhdeep Singh used to call her and talk to her. He professed love for her saying that he wanted to spend his life with her and settle down. He promised to marry her once she returned to India. Prosecutrix conveyed that she could not marry him without her parent's consent. She landed at the

airport on 13.08.2025 at 8.00 PM and reached her home on 14.08.2025. In the night of 14.08.2025, Sukhdeep Singh contacted her and desired to meet her, which she refused due to late hours. However, he insisted on taking her to Amritsar and was present 2-3 kilometres from her village at 2.00 AM on 15.08.2025. On her refusal, he intimidated and blackmailed her, threatening to circulate her private photographs and recordings, on which account she met him out of fear, whereafter he forcibly abducted her in Swift car, administered spiked cold drink and made her semi-conscious. Then he transported her to Amritsar, secured a hotel room, where he did aggravated sexual assault (rape) against her will by resorting to criminal intimidation on false promise of marriage. She was held captive for two days and repeatedly administered intoxicating substances before being moved to various hotels in Ludhiana and Chandigarh, where the sexual assault continued. Thereafter, she was kept in a room near a Gurudwara in Mohali. The accused extorted rupees three lakhs and gold ornaments from her through coercion and continued to make false assurances of marriage. After taking her to his maternal uncle's house in village Chandi, he eventually presented her at Police Station Lopo on 30.08.2025 due to pressure from relatives, following which she was reunited with her family and disclosed the entire sequence of events to her mother and brother. Sukhdeep Singh, despite being already married, ensnared her in his web

of love, took her and committed forcible rape on the false pretext of marriage and criminal intimidation.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was a mature 27 years old lady and contents of the FIR disclosed that it was a case of consensual relationship. Petitioner was a married man, which fact was well within knowledge of the complainant from the very inception. Complainant was pressuring him to divorce his wife and solemnize marriage with her and when he refused, she got the false FIR registered. Once complainant was aware that petitioner was married, question of sexual relations on false promise of marriage did not arise. Complainant herself admitted that she travelled with the petitioner to Amritsar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Mohali for several days and stayed at hotels. Before registration of FIR, a compromise (Annexure P-3) was reached between the parties, wherein complainant admitted that she has voluntarily left her house to travel with the petitioner and that she had prior knowledge of his marital status. Further, that there was no outstanding dispute or claim regarding money, jewellery etc. Petitioner was ready and willing to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground of serious nature of allegations.

5. Office report indicates that notice issued to respondent No. 2 has not been received back either served or otherwise. Let fresh notice be issued to respondent No. 2 for 19.05.2026.

6. In the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the

contents of compromise (Annexure P-3), 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.

7. Status report be filed by the State on the date fixed.

8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.”

3. Vide order dated 21.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sinder Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 21.04.2026 and his further custodial interrogation is not required. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated dated 21.04.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

5. Pending CRM(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

19.05.2026
Ajay Goswami

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