



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6062-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.03.2026

Akashdeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NEERJA K. KALSON

Present:- Mr. Bipan Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Arjun Kapur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jitender Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. K.B.S. Mann, Advocate
for respondent No.2/complainant.

NEERJA K. KALSON, J.

1. Petitioner has approached this Court by filing instant petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.134 dated 10.11.2024, under Sections 498-A, 406 and 506 IPC (Section 313 IPC stands deleted), registered at the instant of respondent No.2 at Police Station Kotbhai District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the marriage between the petitioner and respondent No.2 was solemnized in the year 2021 and the parties are young. It is further submitted that the marriage between the parties was a love marriage and no child was born out of the said wedlock. Considering the matrimonial nature of the dispute, the matter was earlier referred to mediation, however the mediation proceedings could

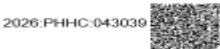


not culminate into any settlement.

3. It has been contended by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner that petitioner has been falsely implicated. According to learned counsel, though the parties were married in the year 2021, the allegations regarding cruelty and beatings were raised for the first time in the year 2023, despite the fact that no complaint was lodged with the police authorities at the relevant time. Learned counsel further submits that the complaint was earlier inquired into by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, who found that no cogent or reliable evidence was available to substantiate the allegations and recommended filing of the complaint vide report dated 29.06.2023. The said findings were thereafter concurred with by the Senior Superintendent of Police, who also recommended filing the complaint while agreeing that no offence was made out.

4. It is further submitted that the matter was also referred to the office of the Deputy District Attorney for legal opinion, who opined that conducting repeated inquiries on the same allegation was not legally permissible and again recommended filing of the complaint. Learned counsel submits that despite the aforementioned reports, the FIR came to be registered after considerable delay and the allegations of physical assault are not supported by any medical or scientific evidence. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

5. Per contra, the present petition has been strongly opposed by learned State counsel as well as learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2/complainant, who submits that the allegations leveled in the FIR are serious in nature and that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is



necessary for the purpose of fair and effective investigation.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record.

7. Considering the nature of allegations leveled in the FIR and the stage of investigation, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for the purpose of proper investigation of the case. However, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

8. In these circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that the petitioner shall join the investigation within a period of fifteen days from today and shall fully cooperate with the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, he shall be admitted to anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS [erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

9. Needless to say that in case the petitioner fails to comply with the abovesaid conditions, this order would be of no avail to him and the order dated 20.01.2026 (Annexure P-7) will come in force and the present petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed.

10. Petition stands disposed of in abovesaid terms.

(NEERJA K. KALSON)
JUDGE

18.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No