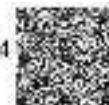


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(101+205)

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Date of Decision:-29.04.2026

Arshdeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Imran Farooqi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Mehul Khanna, Advocate for respondent No. 2.
(through video conferencing)

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

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The present application has been filed for placing on record the short reply along with Annexures A-1 to A-7 on behalf of the complainant to oppose the anticipatory bail application of the petitioner.

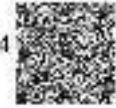
Application is allowed as prayed for.

Short reply along with Annexures A-1 to A-7 are taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. The present petition has been filed seeking grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0076 dated 14.05.2025, under Sections 87, 127(2), 314 and 351(2) of BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Division

No. 1, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1).



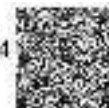
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2. Vide order dated 04.02.2026, this Court while granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail directed the petitioner to join investigation.

3. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently argued that the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

4. It is a strange case where the complainant herself filed a petition under Section 12 of the Hindu Marriage Act, seeking annulment of a marriage, meaning thereby, the complainant herself admits the factum of marriage. The integrity of a boy also deserves to be protected, though in the present case, the antecedents of the petitioner are not clean but it cannot be ruled out that in a given situation, if this lodging of false FIRs are not taken with strict hands, the fundamental rights of a genuine person are also put to peril. Moreover, the contentions of the petitioner has been detailed in the order dated 04.02.2026 and the complainant was unable to answer to the question as to why did she call up the petitioner, who was residing at Malerkotla, to come to Jalandhar and thereafter, travelled with him from Jalandhar to Chandigarh. *Prima facie*, it appears that the complainant herself concealed the factum of marriage with the petitioner from her family. However, let all these disputed questions of facts be left open to be examined by the learned Trial Court during the course of trial at an appropriate stage.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. However, it is contended that, as per the allegations, the mobile phone of the complainant is still in the possession of the petitioner, to which learned counsel for the petitioner



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clarifies that the said averment is incorrect and submits that, in fact, the complainant had been using the petitioner's mobile phone for communication. It is further submitted that the petitioner has already handed over his mobile phone, and if not already done, he shall do the same.

6. In view of the above, the petitioner is directed to hand over his mobile phone to the Authorities within three weeks from today, without tampering with the device in any manner. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 04.02.2026 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 482 of BNSS, 2023.

7. However, nothing stated above shall be construed as a final expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. It is made clear that, in case, the petitioner is found involved in any such activity once again, the present concession granted shall automatically stand vacated.

9. It is further made clear that this order shall not be construed as parity *qua* any other co-accused.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

29.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No