

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

2026:PHHC:034991



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CRM-M-7114 of 2026 (O&M)

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Harbhajan Kaur**..Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****..Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL****Present:** Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No. 0289 dated 23.12.2025 under Sections 115(2), 74, 76 and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Complainant alleged that on 21.12.2025 at about 4:00 p.m., she went to the house of her sister-in-law Harbhajan Kaur wife of Buta Singh, who was released on bail 15 days ago in a murder case. Manpreet Singh son of Harbhajan Kaur and her daughter-in-law Sweet Kaur were present when Harbhajan Kaur raised a *lalkara* and provoked Manpreet to catch hold of her and teach her a lesson. Manpreet Singh picked up a chair which he threw at her face but she saved herself by raising her hands. Then Manpreet Singh

grabbed her from her throat, slapped her face and tore her shirt to humiliate her. When she raised hue and cry, her daughter Simranjit Kaur arrived and rescued her. She got herself medicolegally examined on 22.12.2025 and came back home.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only attribution to the petitioner was that she raised *lalkara* and asked her son to thrash the complainant. Neither offence under Section 115(2) nor Section 74, 76 BNS were attributed to the petitioner. He further submits that there was a cross case registered on complaint of petitioner's daughter-in-law. The parties were close relations. Petitioner was 61 years old and had already undergone three knee operations on which account she was unable to walk properly. Further, she was ready and willing to join investigation.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that petitioner was involved in a murder case bearing FIR No. 0266 dated 09.11.2024, under Sections 103, 331(6) and 351(2) BNS, 2023 (later Section 331(6) BNS 2023 deleted and Sections 331(8), 61 BNS added) Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur, in which she was out on bail and in view of her antecedents, she did not deserve the concession of bail.

Petitioner is involved in FIR No. 0266 dated 09.11.2024. Mere pendency of another case cannot be a ground to refuse bail. Petitioner has been attributed '*lalkara*'. Her custodial interrogation is not required as no recovery is to be effected from her. Considering the age of the petitioner, who is 61 years old, the role attributed to her, besides all relevant facts and circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition for anticipatory bail is allowed. Petitioner shall surrender before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as

and when required. In the event of her arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on anticipatory bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No