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

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Date of decision : 01.04.2026

SONIA SHARMA

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Hans, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J.(Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.187 dated 06.11.2025 under Sections 115(2) , 333, 3(5) of BNS, 2023 (Sections 117(2) & 109 BNS, 2023 added later on), registered at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.
2. This Court, vide order dated 16.02.2026, had directed the petitioner to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of her arrest, she was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).



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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 16.02.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation.
4. Learned State counsel, upon instructions, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 16.02.2026 is **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.
6. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioners from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Sumit Vs State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.
7. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

April 01, 2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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