



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9916-2026

Date of Decision : 18.03.2026

REKHA

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Manish Dhankar, Advocate for
Mr. Rishi Lal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, a co-accused in case bearing FIR No.478 dated 25.05.2023, registered against him at Police Station Samalkha, District Panipat, u/s 148/149/323/452/506 (Section 307 IPC added later on).

2. Status Report dated 10.03.2026 by way of affidavit of Mr. Narender Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Panipat-I, filed on behalf of respondent-State has already been placed on record. In para 5 thereof, the factum of petitioners having joined the investigation has been mentioned. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kuldeep, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for further investigation.

3. On 20.02.2026, following order was passed.

“Petitioner, co-accused in case FIR No.478 dated 25.05.2023 registered against her, under Sections 148/149/323/452/506 (Section



307 IPC added later on) at Police Station Samalkha, District Panipat, has filed the petition for grant of pre-arrest bail under Section 482 of BNSS.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner and her family members have been falsely implicated in the present case. The alleged incident occurred on 21.03.2023 whereas the FIR was registered on 25.05.2023. This unexplained delay of 04 days in lodging the FIR suggests that facts have been twisted and coloured version has been portrayed by the complainant party. It is further submitted that both the parties though hail from the same village but on account of prior dispute between them, the relations are not cordial.

The second leg of submission raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that even if version of the complainant is taken to be true at its face value (though not admitted), the only role attributed to the petitioner is that she was one of members of unlawful assembly, that had unleashed an attack. The injury attributed to her(P) husband has been declared as 'Dangerous to life', who has since been enlarged on bail.

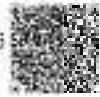
Learned counsel contends that in the light of the factual backdrop of the case and the submissions advanced hereinabove, lenient view be taken in favour of petitioner, a lady aged about 46 years, who has been unnecessarily dragged in present case and is willing to join the investigation as and when called for.

Heard. Documents on record perused.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Shweta Nahata, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the State. He seeks time to file the status report.

In view of the submission advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, she shall be released on interim bail on her



furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. She shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

Adjourned to 18.03.2026.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 20.02.2026 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.
5. The petition stands allowed.
6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

18.03.2026
Nisha Yadav

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>