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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9550-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.04.2026

RAKESH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Sumit Tiwana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kshitij Bharati, AAG, Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.342 dated 14.12.2025 under Sections 316(2), 85 and 89 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Sadar Kaithal, District Kaithal. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 24.03.2026, following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was married with the complainant on 13.03.2023. No child was born out of the wedlock. Due to temperamental differences and incompatibility, complainant left company the of petitioner in February 2025. Allegations regarding cruelty and demand of dowry were false and frivolous. He further submits that in the first complaint moved by the complainant on 15.09.2025, there was no allegation regarding the offence under Section 313 Indian Penal Code and the offence under Section 313 IPC was introduced only to aggravate the offences.

It is urged that the mother-in-law against whom similar allegations were levelled, had already been enlarged on anticipatory bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Kaithal.

Reply by way of affidavit of Sushil Parkash, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Crime, Kaithal has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.

Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, while opposing the prayer for anticipatory bail, submits that in her statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS, complainant had specifically mentioned that in January, 2025, her husband and mother-in-law had administered some substance, they thrashed her on account of which, she fled and later aborted. She also refers to the history recorded by the doctor in the medical record regarding the allegations.

List again on 29.04.2026.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. Petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

3. Vide order dated 24.03.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel submits petitioner has joined investigation

and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

5. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, but without commenting on merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 24.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.
6. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

29.04.2026

Sumit Singla

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

Yes/No