



205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9938-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 24.03.2026

REENA RANI ...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Lovedeep Sandhu, Advocate
and Mr. Ajay Chauhan, Advocate for
Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.286 dated 27.07.2025 under Sections 137 and 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Sadar Sirsa, District Sirsa, Haryana. Sections 64(1), 64(2) (m), 61(2)(a), 3(5) BNS, Section 6 and 17 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 have been added in the FIR during investigation. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 19.02.2026, following order was passed:

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.286 dated 27.07.2025 under Sections 137 and 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Sadar Sirsa, District Sirsa, Haryana. Sections 64(1), 64(2) (m), 61(2)(a), 3(5) BNS, Section 6 and 17 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 have been added in the FIR during investigation. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was the maternal aunt of the main accused-Sagar against whom allegations of enticing the minor victim and penetrative sexual assault were levelled. He further submits that sister of the petitioner, namely, Reetu Rani had since been allowed anticipatory bail vide order dated 12.09.2025 of this Court in CRMM-51495-2025, which was made absolute on 28.10.2025. It is argued that the only role attributed to the petitioner was that after the elopement, she had provided accommodation to the victim and main accused. She had no role in the commission of offence, was falsely implicated in the FIR and was needy and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Ajit Singh, concedes that in her statement under Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.), 2023, the victim did not implicate the petitioner who was not even named in the FIR. He prays for dismissal of the petition for anticipatory bail.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to her 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.

Status report be filed by the State on 24.03.2026.”

3. Vide order dated 19.02.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Lekhraj submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

5. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 19.02.2026 and her further custodial interrogation is not required. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated dated 19.02.2026, granting interim 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 CRM(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

24.03.2026
Ajay Goswami

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