



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

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**CRM-M No.9933 of 2026
Date of decision : 19.3.2026
Date of uploading : 20.3.2026**

Nitika @ Nitika Jalota**Petitioner**
Versus
State of Punjab**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Bhargav, Advocate, for
Mr. Gaurav Datta, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 19.2.2026, the following order was passed:

'Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.32 dated 31.01.2026, registered for offences punishable under Sections 305, 309(4) and 61(2) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station City-2 Khanna, District Khanna; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR primarily on account of her being aunt (mausi) of one co-accused, namely, Mohit, co-accused, namely, Pooja (who is mother of Mohit) stands arrested, the petitioner is a lady with clean antecedents, & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On the strength of advance service of copy of petition, Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State of Punjab.

Put up on 19.03.2026.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 24.02.2026 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her



furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.'

2. Learned State counsel (on instructions) submits that pursuant to the order dated 19.2.2026, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
3. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 19.2.2026. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed. The interim order dated 19.2.2026, passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
4. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
5. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
6. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

19.3.2026

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