



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

(202)

**CRM-M-11401-2026
Date of Decision: 11.03.2026**

ANSH RAJ ALIAS ABHAY

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Yash Goyal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.62 dated 15.05.2025, under Sections 137(2), 87 of BNS, 2023 (Corresponding to Section 363, 366 of IPC, 1860) registered at Police Station Sultanwind, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar City.

2. Vide order dated 27.02.2026, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“Apprehending arrest the petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No. 62 dated 15.05.2025, under Sections 137(2) and 87 of BNS, 2023 (Corresponding to Section 363, 366 IPC) registered at Police Station Sultanwind, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar City.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR on the statement of mother of the prosecutrix, alleging that the petitioner had enticed away the prosecutrix on the pretext of marriage. It is submitted that the petitioner has been nominated as an accused solely for the reason that he was well known to the prosecutrix prior to the alleged occurrence. The prosecutrix



had in fact left her home on her own free will, one of the reasons behind which the ill treatment being meted out to her, regarding which a complaint was also moved by her before the Punjab Human Rights Commission. There was no element of pressure or coercion at the end of the petitioner. It is the further submission that the parties, being major at the time, solemnised marriage on 29.01.2026, as can be seen from the copy of marriage certificate, and the photographs annexed as Annexure P-2 and P-3 respectively. Learned counsel submits that the 22 year old petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and co-operate.

Notice of motion.

Served with an advance copy of the petition, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to verify the factum of the marriage.

At this stage, Mr. Yash Goyal, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent no. 2 by filing Vakalatnama, which is taken on record. He has not disputed the averments made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Adjourned to 11.03.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. He shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023:-

- (1) That the petitioner shall make herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so.*
- (2) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts to the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to Court or to any police officer.*
- (3) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.*

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Vikramjit Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 27.02.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further investigation.

4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 27.02.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.



5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioner(s) 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.

6. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner(s).

7. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

8. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.

10. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.) to arrest the accused-petitioner(s), in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

11. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

March 11, 2026
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Whether reportable : *Yes/No*