

2026:PHHC:054297



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

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CRM-M-12036-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.04.2026

Som Dutt and another

...Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Pankaj Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners seek anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0002 dated 31.01.2026, under Sections 498-A and 406 of Indian Penal Code, Women Police Station, District Bathinda. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. Vide order dated 06.03.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioners were granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
3. Status report by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, PBI, Crime against Women and Children, Bathinda, has been filed by learned State counsel, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Investigating Officer- ASI



Jaswinder Singh, submits that petitioners, though joined investigation, and did not get any recovery effected.

4. Petitioners have joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 06.03.2026. Anticipatory bail cannot be denied on the ground that recovery has not been effected from the petitioners. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 06.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioners, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

08.04.2026
Kapil

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