

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

(121)

CRM-M-12208-2026(O&M)

Date of Decision:- 06.03.2026

Ajay alias Jacob

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

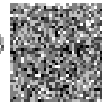
Present: Mr. R.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.186 dated 25.10.2025, under Sections 74, 308(4) & 351(3) of BNS (corresponding Sections 354, 387 & 506 of IPC) and Section 6 of the POCSO Act (added later on), registered at Police Station Cantt, Jalandhar, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner vehemently argued that there is an inordinate delay in lodging the FIR and other co-accused has been granted concession of regular bail. Learned counsel pointed out that there is no allegation in the FIR against the petitioner except the fact that he used to do "Reckie", however, later on in the supplementary statement given by the prosecutrix after a delay of 14 days, allegations of molestation and physical assault have been levelled against the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he has clean antecedents and no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. Learned counsel while taking the plea of alibi pointed out that the petitioner was working in an exhibition at Delhi from



September, 2025 to October, 2025.

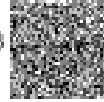
3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab appears on behalf of respondent No.1-State.

5. Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner and submits that the petitioner played a pivotal role in the commission of offence. In fact, there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner of torturing the complainant along with other co-accused and extorting valuable articles from her. There are specific allegations that the petitioner along with other co-accused had also given kick blows to the victim.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the contents of the FIR, in which, the name of the petitioner has been specifically mentioned. Further specific allegations have been levelled in the supplementary statement that the petitioner was an accomplice with co-accused Ricky and the petitioner took away the activa of the complainant and forced the complainant to sit in the car of the co-accused Ricky. There are specific allegation of slapping the complainant, taking away her gold ornaments and also threatening the complainant to kill her father and brother. Further, allegations have been levelled that the petitioner indulged her into obscenity and was also pressurizing the complainant to marry the co-accused.

7. As regards the plea of alibi, no cogent proof has been placed on record to substantiate the same. *De hors* the above, apparently the petitioner has been absconding from the process of law and rather applied for grant of anticipatory bail only when the other co-accused was granted regular bail by this Court, which speaks volumes about the petitioner's conduct of merely waiting



and watching the proceedings qua the other co-accused, who was in the custody. The petitioner has not approached this Court with clean hands and there are specific allegations against him which need to be looked into for which his custodial interrogation is required.

8. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to grant any concession to the petitioner at this stage, accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

06.03.2026

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(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether Reportable:- Yes/No