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

CRM-M-14208-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.04.2026

AMAR KHATRI**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. Isha Goyal, Advocate and
Mr. R.P. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.B.S. Goraya, Advocate and
Mr. S.S. Bhullar, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.0001 dated 01.01.2026 under Sections 85, 316(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Women Cell, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 16.03.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.01 dated 01.01.2026 under Sections 85, 316(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Women Cell, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner

is the husband of the complainant. He was married with the complainant on 24.08.2024. No child was born out of the wedlock. The parties lived together in Kanpur, Bangalore and Noida and the complainant walked out of the matrimonial in May, 2025. Petitioner applied for anticipatory bail before learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar. Interim anticipatory bail was allowed but was not made absolute as entire recovery was not effected. Learned counsel further submits that allegations levelled against the petitioner were false and fabricated. The discord occurred for reasons other than cruelty and demands of dowry. Allegations against the mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law and nieces levelled by the complainant in FIR were found false by the police and they were not implicated as accused. Petitioner had already mailed the complainant that he was ready to give back all her articles. He was still ready and willing to join investigation and get effected recoveries.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the. Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail submitting that despite interim anticipatory bail granted by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, petitioner did not get effected recovery of entire jewellery articles.

Status report in the matter be filed by the State on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.04.2026.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject to his 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.”

3. Mr. PBS Goraya, Advocate appears on behalf of complainant and files his power of attorney, which is taken on record.

4. Status report by way of affidavit of Jaswinder Singh, PPS, ACP (Crime Against Women & Children), Amritsar City has been filed by State of Punjab, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel submits that petitioner had joined investigation on 16.02.2026. He, assisted by learned counsel for complainant, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that 230 grams of gold articles were not recovered from the petitioner.

5. Pursuant to order of this Court dated 16.03.2026, petitioner has joined investigation. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be denied for the reason that some gold articles are yet to be recovered. Whether or not the gold articles were indeed entrusted to the petitioner would be a matter of trial. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed and order dated 16.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

6. Both learned counsels have expressed that the parties are willing for mediation. They may move appropriate application before the

Jurisdictional Magistrate who would refer the matter for mediation in the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of the district.

7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

22.04.2026

Sumit Singla

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No