



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

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CRM-M-14173-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.03.2026

SONIA KAUR ALIAS SONIA

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Vaishali Thakur, Advocate for
Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.69 dated 05.09.2025 under Sections 65(1), 62 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Sections 8 and 17 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala. This is the second petition for anticipatory bail. The first one was declined on 15.01.2026.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 15.01.2026, prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner was declined but there was a change of circumstance inasmuch as a compromise was reached between mother of the minor victim child and the petitioner. Therefore, petitioner became entitled to concession of anticipatory bail.
3. Learned State Counsel, who is present in the Court, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that the previous application for anticipatory bail had already been declined.
4. First application for anticipatory bail was dismissed vide order dated 15.01.2026. The alleged compromise with mother of the minor victim child even, if it is accepted at its face value, does not constitute a fresh ground for release of petitioner on anticipatory bail given the nature and substance of



allegations levelled against the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition for anticipatory bail is dismissed.

5. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

16.03.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No