

2026:PHHC:065015



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

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CRM-M-14972-2026(O&M)

Date of decision: 28.04.2026

Anurag Bhandari

...Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Rakhi Sharma, Advocate for respondent No.2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.27 dated 16.07.2025, under Sections 406, 498-A of IPC, Police Station women District Ferozpur. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. Vide order dated 19.03.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Investigating Officer- ASI Darshan Singh, submits that petitioner, though joined



investigation, failed to get recovered entire gold jewellery entrusted at the time of marriage.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has opposed the prayer for grant of bail on the ground that out of four *tolas* of gold, only seven grams have been recovered.

5. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 19.03.2026. Anticipatory bail cannot be denied on the ground that entire recovery has not been effected from the petitioner. Whether or not, the gold articles sought to be recovered were indeed entrusted to the petitioner, would be a matter of trial. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 19.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

28.04.2026
Kapil

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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