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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 05.05.2026

ASHA ARORA

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.42 dated 04.06.2025 under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, Police Station Women, Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 30.03.2026, following order was passed:-

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 42 dated 04.06.2025, under Sections 406, 498-A IPC(Section 316(2), 85 BNS), Police Station Women, Amritsar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that marriage of the petitioner's son with the complainant was solemnized on 21.08.2022.

Complainant stayed in the matrimonial home for only 9 days whereafter she left for Canada. There was a matrimonial discord between the husband and wife and petitioner had been falsely involved. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner was allowed interim anticipatory bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, however, she could not join investigation as her husband remained admitted in AIMS Delhi, from 14.10.2025 to 7.11.2025. He further submits that the antecedents of the petitioner were clean and she was still ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail subject



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to her 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.

Status report in the matter be filed on 05.05.2026.

3. Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Jaswinder Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime against Women & Children), Amritsar city, on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed. The same is made part of the record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hardev Singh and assisted by learned counsel for respondent No.2, concedes that petitioner had joined investigation. The prayer for anticipatory bail is, however, opposed on the ground that recovery of one gold chain and two diamond rings was yet to be effected.

4. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be declined merely on the ground that recovery has not been effected. Whether or not the jewellery articles, gold etc. were indeed entrusted to the petitioner would be a matter of evidence, to be led during the trial.

5. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 30.03.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

05.05.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No