

2026:PHHC:077792



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

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CRM-M-17302-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.05.2026

Mejor Singh

...Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. I.P.S. Deol, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG, Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in cross case lodged vide DDR No.26 dated 04.10.2023 under Sections 323, 452, 354, 506, 148 and 149 IPC in FIR No.97 dated 29.09.2023 under Sections 323, 452, 354, 506, 148 and 149 IPC, Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar Rural, Punjab. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 01.04.2026, following order was passed by this Court:-

*“ Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in cross case
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323, 452, 354, 506, 148 and 149 IPC lodged within FIR No.97 dated 29.09.2023 under Sections 323, 452, 354, 506, 148 and 149 IPC, Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar Rural, Punjab. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was named as an accused in DDR No.26 dated 04.10.2023, which was a cross version of FIR No.97 dated 29.09.2023. She further submits that the dispute related to landed property which arose following the death of Pritam Singh. There were rival claims as to the property between the complainant and second wife of the deceased. Criminal proceedings were fallout of the civil dispute. Though the FIR was lodged promptly, the DDR was registered after six days delay and was clearly fabricated and afterthought. As per version in the DDR, petitioner raised lalkara, participated in the assault, thrashed the complainant and tore her clothes. It was argued that the DDR was lodged with mala fide intent as a counter-blast. Co-accused of the petitioner had since been enlarged on anticipatory bail vide order dated 19.03.2024 (Annexure P-3). Petitioner, who had clean antecedents was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG 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 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.

Status report be filed by the State on 06.05.2026.”

3. Vide order dated 01.04.2026/06.05.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. State report by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division: Shahkot, Jalandhar (Rural), has been filed by learned State counsel, which is taken on record. He on instructions from Investigating Officer-ASI Amrik Lal submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for any further investigation.

6. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 01.04.2026/06.05.2026. In the circumstances of the

case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 01.04.2026, 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.

18.05.2026
Kapil

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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