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

CRM-M-16242-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.04.2026

AMANDEEP

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Shubham Goyal , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the respondent No.2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 10 dated 04.02.2026 under Sections 316(2), 85 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Women, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. While issuing notice of motion on 24.03.2026, following order was passed:-

*“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of
FIR No. 10 dated 04.02.2026 under Sections 316(2), 85
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Women, District
Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar. This is the first petition for
anticipatory bail.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner
was married with the complainant on 29.08.2022. The marriage*

was a simple one, without any dowry. One female child was born out of the wedlock. FIR was lodged on false, exaggerated and motivated allegations of harassment and cruelty, which were general in nature, without any specific instances. In fact, complainant left the matrimonial home of her sweet will. She also left behind the minor child, who was now in the care and custody of the petitioner. Petitioner, who wanted to take the complainant back, filed a petition under Section 9 of Hindu Marriage Act for restitution of conjugal rights, which was yet pending. The FIR was a counter blast of the said petition. Petitioner, who had clean antecedents, was ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail submitting that petitioner was the main accused. There were specific allegations of cruelty, harassment and beatings. On 22.09.2025, complainant was beaten up and was also medico legally examined. He seeks some time for filing status report.

Status report in the matter be filed on 29.04.2026.

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. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent No.2 and files his vakalatnama, which is taken on record.
4. On instructions from ASI Vijay Kumar, learned State counsel submits that petitioner has joined investigation. He, assisted by learned counsel for respondent No.2, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that recovery of gold and silver ornaments was yet pending.
5. Pursuant to order of this Court dated 24.03.2026, petitioner has joined investigation. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be denied for the reason that some gold and silver 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 24.03.2026, 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.
6. Both learned counsels are *ad idem* that the matter may be resolved through mediation. The parties may approach the Jurisdictional Magistrate and move application for referring the parties to mediation before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of District Legal Services Authority, Jalandhar.
7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

29.04.2026

Sumit Singla

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No