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

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CRM-M-17504-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 06.05.2026

Gurwinder Singh

...Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. S.K. Sirsa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ajay Kamboj Gurpreet, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.161 dated 08.11.2025, under Sections 316(2), 85 of BNS, Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Police Station Sadar Jalalabad, District Fazilka. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. Vide order dated 01.04.2026 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 Jaswinder Singh, submits that petitioner, though joined



investigation, failed to get recovered 20 grams of gold and 120 grams of silver jewellery entrusted at the time of marriage.

4. Mr. Ajay Kamboj Gurpreet, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2 and filed his Vakalatnama in Court today, which is taken on record. He opposed the prayer for grant of bail on the ground that gold and silver ornaments are yet to be recovered.

5. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 01.04.2026. 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 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.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

06.05.2026
Kapil

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