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

CRM-M-19066-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.05.2026

AMANDEEP SINGH**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. Manu Loona , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Rashmi Verma, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.08 dated 20.02.2026 under Sections 351(2), 76, 77, 308(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 67, 67(A) Information Technology Act, 2000, Police Station Cyber Crime, District Fazilka. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. As per allegations in the FIR, prosecutrix, 43 years old married lady with 2 children, was in consensual physical relations with the petitioner who allegedly recorded obscene video of the prosecutrix on his mobile phone, which he refused to delete. Later, when family of the prosecutrix came to know of the relationship, she severed the relations. However, petitioner started blackmailing her, raised demands for money, threatening to make the photos and videos viral. Prosecutrix had been paying money to the petitioner who also forcibly took her gold ring and later posted her obscene

photos and videos on social media. It was alleged that petitioner had extorted approximately Rs.50,000/- from the prosecutrix and defamed her in the society.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 09.04.2026, arrest of the petitioner was stayed. Thereafter, petitioner had joined investigation. He further submits that the matter had since been amicably resolved between petitioner and the prosecutrix and relies upon compromise, Annexure P2 on the basis of which separate petition for quashing of the FIR was filed in this Court vide CRM-M-19099-2026.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of PPS, Additional Charge DSP (D), Fazilka, according to which petitioner has joined investigation on 01.05.2026 but did not get recovered his mobile phone, money and gold ring.

5. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 concedes the factum of compromise between the parties.

6. Pursuant to order of this Court dated 09.04.2026, petitioner has joined investigation on 01.05.2026. Compromise has been effected between the parties and separate petition for quashing of FIR has also been filed. In the circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed. It is ordered that in the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail on his furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)

JUDGE

20.05.2026

Sumit Singla

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No