



CRM-M-21721-2026

Date of Decision : 18.05.2026

SEEMA RANI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Udayveer Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Seema Rani, aged about 41 years	245	11.09.2025	21(c) of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on)	Anti Narcotics Force (ANTF) Wing	SAS Nagar

2. On 21.04.2026, the following order was passed:-

“2. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, contends that on the day of the alleged recovery, a Verna car, bearing registration No. HR-51AS-6219, was occupied by three accused persons, namely Amandeep Singh, Sajjan Singh, and Kamaljit Singh. It is alleged that 500 grams of heroin was recovered from beneath the mat of the seat adjoining the driver’s seat. At the relevant time, the said vehicle was being driven by accused Amandeep Singh, while Sajjan Singh was



seated on the front passenger seat and the third accused, Kamaljit Singh, was occupying the rear seat.

It is further submitted that name of the present petitioner has surfaced in the case, solely on the basis of a disclosure statement made by co-accused Sajan Singh, alleging the petitioner to be the supplier of the recovered contraband.

3. *Learned Senior Counsel argues that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that since one other case is already registered against the petitioner, he is known to the police officials, and in an attempt to inflate the number of cases against him, he has been roped in as an accused in the present matter.*

It is further submitted that, apart from the disclosure statement of the co-accused and alleged telephonic conversations with co-accused Sajan Singh, no independent or substantive evidence has been collected by the prosecution to establish the petitioner's involvement. Even the call detail records, as relied upon, do not constitute substantive evidence linking the petitioner to the alleged recovery.

Lastly, it is contended that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency. Thus, counsel prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. *Notice of motion.*

5. *On advance notice, Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, Sr. DAG, Haryana, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

6. *Adjourned to 18.05.2026.*

7. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

8. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 21.04.2026 passed by this Court,



petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 05.05.2026 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 21.04.2026 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 18, 2026

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