



CRM-M-22521-2026 (O&M)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 21.05.2026

NEERAJ KUMAR

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Angad Parmar, Advocate
for the petitioner (through video conferencing).

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.42 dated 14.02.2026 under Sections 85 and 316(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. On 23.04.2026, following order was passed:

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.42 dated 14.02.2026, under Sections 85 and 316(2) BNS (Sections 498-A IPC and 406 IPC), Police Station Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was husband of the complainant. Marriage between the parties was solemnised on 11.10.2024. Petitioner filed a petition Annexure P-2 in the Family Court, at Jalandhar, for annulment of marriage on 30.07.2025. Soon thereafter, as a counter blast, complainant moved a complaint on 21.08.2025 for registration of FIR which was finally registered on 14.02.2026. Learned counsel further submits that vague and general allegations of cruelty and demand of dowry were levelled against the petitioner and his family members. Police found the allegations against other family members false and did not arraigned them as accused. Petitioner's mother has since been allowed anticipatory bail by the Court of learned Additional



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Sessions Judge, Jalandhar. Petitioner's whose antecedents were clean 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-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail submitting that the incident pertained to the period prior to filing of petition for annulment of marriage.

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 in the matter be filed on 21.05.2026.”

3. Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Bharat Masih Ladhar, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Phillaur, Jalandhar (Rural) on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed. The same is made part of the record. Learned State counsel concedes that petitioner had joined investigation and further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

4. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 23.04.2026 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

21.05.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No