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

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CRM-M-24801-2026 (O & M)
Date of decision: 07.05.2026

PREETI BHARAT GOHEL

....Petitioner

Versus

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Avnish Mittal, Advocate and
Mr. Vipul Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

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Allowed as prayed for. Annexures P-11 to P-11 are taken on
record, subject to just exceptions.

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1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 read
with Section 528 BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail/bail on surrendering
before the trial Court in FIR No.RCCHG2023A0006 dated 12.01.2023
under Sections 120-B (Section 61(2) BNS, 2023) r/w 409 (Section 316(5)
BNS, 2023), 420 IPC (Section 318(4) BNS, 2023) and Section 13(2) r/w
Section 13(1) (a), 7 and 8 of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 65
of Information Technology Act, registered at P.S. CBI/ACB and further
for issuance of appropriate directions inasmuch as to allow the petitioner
to continue on the anticipatory bail so granted by learned Special Judge,
CBI Court, Chandigarh, vide orders dated 26.04.2024 (Annexure P-2);

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further to set aside the orders of cancellation of bail and forfeiture of bail bonds furnished before the trial Court, dated 11.02.2026 (Annexure P-6) as well as the order dismissing the recalling/cancellation of warrant of arrest dated 20.04.2026 (Annexure P-8).

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was granted anticipatory bail, vide order dated 26.04.2024, Annexure P-2, which was not opposed by the Investigating Agency, as is apparent from para Nos.6 and 9 thereof, whereafter an application, Annexure P-4, was filed by her to become an approver. In para Nos.4 and 5 of the reply thereto, it has been stated that she has joined investigation and extended cooperation and prosecution recognizes her willingness to assist, further provided that such assistance is truthful, complete and legally verifiable, as also the prosecution has no objection if pardon is granted, subject to true disclosure of facts. However on 11.02.2026, she could not appear before the trial Court, leading to the cancellation of her bail and issuance of warrant of arrest. Her absence was on account of the fact that she had under wrong legal advice, had left for Dubai to settle her 14-year-old son as her husband suffers from coronary artery disease, besides other ailments and resides in Gujarat and is unable to take care of him, as also she was having a threat perception from co-accused Saurabh Tyagi, on account of she having chosen to become an approver. She came back on 22.02.2026 and sought recalling of the order dated 11.02.2026, which was dismissed on 20.04.2026, Annexure P-8. Her non-appearance was neither intentional nor deliberate, but due to the aforesaid *bona fide* reason. She is

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ready and willing to join the proceedings and furnish her passport before the Court concerned and prays for grant of one opportunity for her to surrender before the trial Court, even if the same is subject to costs.

3. Notice of motion.

4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Special PP, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-CBI, whereas Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Advocate, puts in appearance for the complainant and submit that the warrant of arrest has been rightly issued against the petitioner, as she had absented from the proceedings.

5. Heard.

6. The very purpose of issuance of warrant of arrest, is to compel and secure the presence of the accused to face trial and establish the rule of law, as also to ensure finalization of the proceedings.

7. This Court in CRM-M-36490-2022, titled as **Major Singh vs. State of Punjab**, decided on 15.09.2022, CRM-M-38277-2022, titled as **Surjit Singh vs. State of Punjab**, dated 26.08.2022 and CRM-M-39000-2022, titled as **Raghav vs. State of Punjab**, decided on 09.09.2022, had set aside the orders of non-bailable warrants.

8. Considering the fact that absence of the petitioner was not wilful or deliberate and his readiness and willingness to surrender and join the proceedings, in case one opportunity is granted to the petitioner, no prejudice shall be caused to any of the parties, rather her joining the proceedings would help in expediting the trial. This Court in light of the judgment referred to above being applicable to the instant case, finds that

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the ends of justice would be adequately met if the present petition is allowed.

9. In view of the afore-mentioned judgments and the facts and circumstances of the case, the impugned orders dated 11.02.2026 and 20.04.2026 are set aside.

10. She is directed to surrender before the trial Court on or before 21.05.2026 while depositing her passport and on so doing, shall be released on bail subject to its satisfaction and deposit costs of Rs.25,000/- with Sai Aasra Paraplegic Rehab Centre (Kotak Mahindra Bank, Branch Sector 27 D, Chandigarh, Account No: 9612001641, IFSC: KKBK0004201. On furnishing bail/surety bonds, she is also directed to furnish undertaking by way of an affidavit that she will appear on each and every date of hearing before the trial Court, unless specifically exempted by the Court. She shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court. The trial Court may impose any other condition that it may deem appropriate in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

11. The petition is disposed of.

12. Before parting with this order, it is made abundantly clear that in case the petitioner does not adhere to the aforesaid, the present petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed without any reference to this Court.

07.05.2026

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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