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

CRM-M-24198-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.05.2026

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

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Kashyap, Advocate for
Mr. K.S. Chahal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.52 dated 12.03.2026 under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 85, 351(2), 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station P.S. City-II Malerkotla, District Malerkotla. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.
2. While issuing notice of motion on 30.04.2026, following order was passed:-

“Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.52 dated 12.03.2026 under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 85, 351(2), 190 of BNS (323, 341, 498-A, 506, 149, IPC) Police Station P.S. City-II Malerkotla, District Malerkotla. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner’s Nikah with the complainant was solemnised in 2016

and the Mulkawa took place in 2018. Complainant was a quarrelsome lady, habitual of picking fights with the petitioner and his family members and filing false complaints. Earlier also, she had filed complaints against the petitioner. First complaint was moved in the year 2018 but the matter was resolved by way of a mutual compromise, with the intervention of Panchayat. Annexure P-2 compromise would show that the fight was on account of cooling of AC. The second complaint was filed by her in the year 2025 to S.P. Malerkotla against the petitioner and all his family members regarding harassment for dowry and beatings etc. Annexure P-6 report of S.P. Malerkotla would show that after investigation, police found that the matter related to a domestic dispute between the husband and wife and no action thereon was taken by the police. Subsequently, petitioner divorced the complainant and thereafter, she lodged the FIR out of vengeance, only to harass the petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that parents-in-law of the complainant has since been allowed anticipatory bail by this Court. Petitioner, who had clean antecedents, 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 submitting that in the previous complaint filed by the complainant proceedings under Section 107 and 151 Cr.P.C. were initiated against the petitioner and his family members.

However, the matter was compromised only for rehabilitation of the complainant. On 11.03.2026, again complainant was physically assaulted and had suffered seven injuries.

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 20.05.2026 ”

3. Reply by way of affidavit of PPS, DSP, Sub Division Malerkotla, District Malerkotla has been filed by State of Punjab, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel submits that petitioner has joined investigation, co-operated and is not required for custodial interrogation.
4. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances, but without commenting on merits of the case, the petition is allowed and order dated 30.04.2026, 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.
5. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

20.05.2026
Sumit Singla

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No