



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

(110-2)

CRM-M-37350-2025
Date of Decision: 24.2.2026

Rajesh Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Bhisam Kinger, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, in case FIR No. 109 dated 22.6.2025, under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 351(2), 85, 3(5) and 74 of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station City Dhuri, District Sangrur.
2. Vide order dated 16.7.2025, the petitioners were directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“x x x x

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners inter alia submits that the petitioners, who are brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the complainant, have been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that marriage between Somnath Goel (brother of petitioner No.1 and brother-in-law of petitioner No.2) and complainant was solemnised on 16.10.2016 and this was complainant's third marriage. She also brought along a male child,



*namely, Bhavesh Goel alias Yuvi from her previous relationship. Thereafter, a biological son, namely, Bhuvnesh Goyal was born out of the present wedlock in the year 2019. He further submits that complainant-wife is habitual of making allegations against her earlier husbands also. Present FIR is the result of the matrimonial discord between Somnath Goel (brother of petitioner No.1 and brother-in-law of petitioner No.2) and the complainant. He further submits that all the allegations levelled in the FIR are vague and false. He further submits that petitioners are ready to settle the dispute. He has placed reliance upon the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Md. Asfak Alam v. The State of Jharkhand and another, 2023(3) R.C.R.(Criminal) 754** and **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCR 128**. He further submits that petitioners are not involved in any other case and they are still ready and willing to join the investigation.*

Notice of motion.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and seeks time to file status report. Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant.

In the meanwhile, arrest of the petitioners shall remain stayed. They shall join the investigation and co-operate with the investigating agency and shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

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3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurdev Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 16.7.2025, the petitioners have joined the investigation and are not required for any further investigation.
4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 16.7.2025 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.
5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be



confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner(s).

7. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

8. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.

10. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.) to arrest the accused-petitioner(s), in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

11. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

February 24, 2026
Gurpreet Singh

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