



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

CRM-M-41213-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 03.02.2026

SHINDI

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Amrit Paul Nahar, Advocate
for Mr. G.S. Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 71 dated 30.05.2025, under Sections 137(2), 96, 61(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Sadar Batala, District Gurdaspur. Offence under Section 4 POCSO Act was added in the FIR during investigation. This is her first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. Following order was passed on 01.08.2025:

“On the oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner, complainant-Hardeep Singh is impleaded as respondent No.2 in the array of parties. Let amended memo of parties be filed in the registry within three working days positively.

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.71 dated 30.05.2025 registered under Sections 137(2), 96, 61(2) of the Bharatiya

Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 added later on) at Police Station Sadar Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. She submits that the only allegation in the FIR against the petitioner is that petitioner helped co-accused Abhi in enticing the victim. She further submits that even in her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C., prosecutrix has stated that she went with co-accused Abhi voluntarily. She further submits that the prosecutrix refused to get her medical examination done. She further submits that petitioner is not involved in any other case and is ready and willing to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State and seeks time to file status report.

Let notice be issued to respondent No.2, returnable on 03.11.2025.

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



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 01.08.2025, petitioner had joined investigation.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Waryam Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
5. Petitioner has joined investigation pursuant to order of this Court dated 01.08.2025. Her further custodial interrogation is not required. In the circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 01.08.2025, 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.

03.02.2026
Ajay Goswami

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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