

2026:PHHC:037028



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

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**CRM-M-48825-2025
Date of Decision: 11.03.2026**

SHASHI BALA AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL.

Present: Mr. Jasmine and Mr. Aharjot Grewal, Advocates
for the petitioners.
Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.52 dated 27.06.2025 under Sections 420 and 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Verka, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

Vide order dated 02.09.2025 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, the petitioners were directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join the investigation and upon their doing so, they were ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer.

Learned State Counsel has filed the reply today as per which the petitioners have joined the investigation and cooperated with the Investigating Agency. It is also stated that as of now, the petitioners are not required for any custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim order dated 02.09.2025 passed by this High Court is hereby made absolute.

Petition stands allowed accordingly.

However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioner from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in *Criminal Appeal No.830 of 2026* arising out of *SLP (Criminal) No.1536 of 2026* titled as *Sumit Versus State of Uttar Pradesh and another*.

MARCH 11, 2026.

Rajender

**(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No