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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53476-2025
Decided on : 24.03.2026

Manpreet Kaur

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed here-under:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Manpreet Kaur, aged about 30 years	101	27.06.2025	118(1), 351(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023	SGN Dev Thermal Plant	Bathinda

2. In the present case, on 22.09.2025, following order was passed
by the Coordinate Bench of this Court:-

“ Notice served upon the official respondent through the State's counsel.
The Senior Most Investigator conducting the investigation in the FIR captioned above is to file/hand over the status report/instructions positively before the next date, failing which the concerned Superintendent of Police or an equivalent or higher Police Officer shall file/hand over their Reply/Response/Instructions/Status report by the extended date, and if it is still not filed, the concerned Inspector General of police shall have to file it.
The Reply/Response/Instructions/Status report shall also mention the following details under headings:
A. Medico-Legal Certificate of the victim(s).



- B. Victim's current medical condition.*
- C. The time for which the victim(s) remained in the hospital.*
- D. Weapon(s) used.*
- E. Weapon and injuries attributed to the petitioner.*
- F. The evidence based on which the petitioner was arraigned as an accused.*
- G. The evidence against the petitioner.*
- H. The role of the petitioner.*
- I. In case of dismissal of this petition, would the police arrest the petitioner in this FIR, and do they need the accused's police custody?*
- J. Petitioner's criminal antecedents, except the FIRs in which petitioner was absolved, discharged, or acquitted.*

The petitioner's counsel, on instructions, states that, without conceding or admitting the offence, the petitioner be given another chance, and the petitioner undertakes to reform and not to repeat the offence.

The petitioner's counsel further submits that the arrest be stayed, and they would have no objection whatsoever to any stringent conditions that this Court may impose.

Given the above, in the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, in the meantime, the petitioner's arrest in the FIR captioned above shall remain stayed until further orders.

Petitioner is directed to join investigation in the concerned Police Station as and when called upon to do so by the Investigator.

List on 16.10.2025."

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 22.09.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 01.10.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated



22.09.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made **absolute**.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands **disposed of**, accordingly.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of passport of the petitioner to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, she would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.

It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 24, 2026

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No