



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-54817-2025
Date of decision: 10.03.2026

JASHANPREET KAUR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - None for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present first petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.81 dated 02.07.2025, registered under Sections 305/3(5) of BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Churian, Batala.

2. The FIR in the present case has been registered on the complaint of Satpal Singh son of Puran Singh i.e. father-in-law of the petitioner herein. The same reads thus:-

“I am a resident of the above mentioned address and I do agricultural work and I have a son Prabhjot Singh who is a PR abroad in Australia and my son was married on 30-01-2025 with Jashanpreet Kaur, daughter of Sahib Singh, son of

Gulzar Singh, resident of Daburji, police station Ghania Ke Bagar and after the marriage my son Prabhjot Singh went back abroad after a month. My daughter-in-law Jashanpreet Kaur was doing nursing in Sri Guru Pandher College and now her training was going on at Mental Hospital Amritsar. I used to put her in the bus from bus stand Fatehgarh Churian every day and came that on 25-06-2025 I come back by putting my daughter in law Jashanpreet Kaur in morning at 9:30 am from the bus stand Fatehgarh Churian and at around one or two o'clock I got a call from my son Prabhjot Singh from abroad that he had received a message from Jashanpreet Kaur on WhatsApp that I have relation with another boy and I had gone with my lover and my daughter-in-law deleted this message from WhatsApp after 2 hours and I immediately checked the cupboard of my son's room in which our jewellery and cash worth Rs 50,000 was lying, after checking, we came to know that we had about 25 tolas of gold and Rs 50,000 in cash in the cupboard which were missing from the cupboard and now I have come to know that my daughter-in-law Jashanpreet Kaur met her lover Armaan Singh alias Whiskey son of Jagmeet Singh resident of Maan Saidwal, police station Ghania Ke Bagar and all the jewellery of our house which was about 25 tolas of gold including a queen necklace one set, one tikka, one chain of women, six shapas of men, two bangles, one bracelet, two kanthey and a nose-pin (koka) diamond and 50 thousand rupees in cash have been stolen. I have been searching for my daughter-in-law on my own level till today, but till today I have not found my daughter-in-law Jashanpreet Kaur, today I have taken my brother-in-law Pritpal Singh son of Surinder Singh, resident of Mirakot Kala police station Kamboj with me and have come to the police station to inform you that I have written my statement to you and have read it and heard it which is correct."

3. It is averred in the petition that the petitioner has been falsely implicated at the instance of her father-in-law. The petitioner never committed theft of any gold articles and that she left the matrimonial house on account of disappointment and marital discord. It has further come in the allegations that the petitioner was working as a 'Nurse' and on 25.06.2025, she had been dropped at her workplace by the complainant but she did not return and she sent a message acknowledging her relationship with one Armaan Singh @ Whiskey that she was going with him. The complainant later found that the gold articles were missing.

4. A status report by way of affidavit of Vipin Kumar, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Fatehgarh Churian, Batala has been filed on record wherein it is reported that the petitioner-Jashanpreet Kaur alongwith co-accused Armaan Singh @ Whiskey had earlier approached this Court for seeking protection on account of her relationship with Armaan Singh @ Whiskey and that she was also earlier in contact with the said Armaan Singh @ Whiskey.

5. A query was put up to the learned State Counsel as to whether the gold articles, if any, would form a part of the *Istridhan* of the petitioner or not. Counsel for the State contends that the same would be an arguable issue. A specific question has also been put to the Counsel for the respondent-State as to whether the petitioner has criminal antecedents whereupon he submits that she does not have any criminal antecedents.

6. In the given circumstances, when there are arguable issues with respect to the ownership of the jewellery articles removed from the household, if any, and that the same may also possibly be part of *Istridhan*

of the petitioner, I am of the opinion that the allegations levelled need to be examined with greater circumspection.

7. Taking into consideration that the petitioner has clean antecedents and that she has exercised her right to live with a person of her choice and the nature of allegations that have been levelled including the marital discord extending the possibility of over implication and exaggeration of the allegations, I am of opinion that the present petition deserves to be allowed. The petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required by the Investigating Agency. In the event of petitioner joining investigation, she shall be admitted to interim bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds by her to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023. It is, however, made clear that the petitioner shall continue to join investigation and extend all cooperation to the Investigating Agency. In the event of the petitioner not extending due cooperation, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application for seeking cancellation of the bail granted by this Court.

MARCH 10, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No