



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

(136)

CRM-M-60659-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 24.03.2026

BALJINDER SINGH @ PRINCE

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Harmeet Singh, Advocate for
Ms. Amarjot Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S. Randhawa, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court under Section 482 of BNSS has been invoked for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 246 dated 11.09.2025 under Sections 498-A & 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

2. The translated version of the FIR is reproduced below:-

“Sir, It is requested that I, xxxx wife of Baljinder Singh alias Prince daughter of Sh.Jaimal Singh am the resident of Beria Mohalla, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur. (1) That my marriage was solemnized with Baljinder Singh alias Prince son of Sh.Om Parkash resident of village Bhawda according to Sikh rites and rituals on 02.10.2022. On this marriage, my parents had spent beyond their capacity and in the form of Istri Dhan, articles were given to my husband and my in-laws family. But my husband and in-laws family were not happy with the amount spent on the marriage and the dowry articles. After some days of the marriage, they have started taunting me. (2) That for some time, I did not tell anything to my parents and when they started beating me and tried to kill me, then I told everything to my parents that my husband and in-laws family are demanding more dowry, cash amount and car and



when I refuse, then beatings are given to me. (3) That my husband Baljinder Singh has illicit relations with a lady namely Isha, whose husband is called as Deep Fauji and I have seen both of them many times doing obscene activities and I was having the video of both of them together, but my husband has damaged my phone. When I resist my husband for keeping illicit relations with the lady namely Isha, then he beats me very badly and many times, he has tried to kill me. My mother-in-law and father-in-law know about all this, but still they support my husband. Many times, my husband gave me beating in the presence of my parents-in-law and has tried to kill me, but still my parents-in-law support my husband. (4) That about 2 years ago, my husband and in-laws family asked me to bring more dowry, cash amount and car from my parental house and when I refused that my parents cannot give anything more. Then my husband and in-laws family after beating me, threw me out of the house and since then, I am living in my parental house. But my husband and in-laws family did not give me any expenses and nor asked about my well-being. That my brother Rajiv Kumar is doing the business of furniture. My husband gives life threats to my brother Rajiv Kumar. Thus, they can cause loss to the life and property of my brother, themselves or through some other person. If any loss is caused to the life and property of my brother, then my husband and the lady namely Isha would be responsible. (6) That my husband and in-laws family have misappropriated the dowry articles given by my parents and it is not being given to me for use. I have danger to my life in my in-laws house. Thus, you are requested to take legal action against the members of my in-laws family, (1) Baljinder Singh alias Prince, son of Sh.Om Parkash, (2) Om Parmash, son of not known (3) Sukhwinder Kaur wife of Om Parkash, (4) Isha wife of Deep Fauji, residents of Bhawda, Police station Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur for taunting me, giving beatings, trying to kill, demanding more dowry, cash amount and car and for having illicit relations of my husband with the lady namely Isha and a case be registered and justice be done to me. I shall be highly thankful to you. Yours faithfully, Sd/- xxxx wife of Sh.Baljinder Singh alias Prince, daughter of Sh. Jaimal Singh, presently resident of Beria Mohalla, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur, dated 11.06.2025, mobile No.88376-1xxxx”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR on the basis of the statement made by the complainant, leveling sweeping and omnibus allegations of demand of dowry, acts of cruelty and of having illicit relations with another



woman. It is submitted that the marriage between the petitioner and the prosecutrix was solemnized on 02.10.2022. Neither was any dowry demanded or received by the petitioner at the time or subsequently thereafter. Infact, the prosecutrix, without any justifiable cause, withdrew from the company of her husband and has willfully refused to resume cohabitation. It is further submitted that no cogent or reliable evidence has been brought on record to substantiate the allegations leveled against the petitioner.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and submit that there are specific and serious allegations against the petitioner. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the investigating officer concerned, submits that the petitioner was actively involved in the commission of the offence. Learned State counsel further submits that the petitioner, along with his family members, made persistent demands for additional dowry from the prosecutrix. It is further contended that upon discovering the relationship of the petitioner with a woman namely Isha, the complainant raised objections, whereupon the petitioner allegedly subjected her to physical cruelty and forcibly ousted her from the matrimonial home. Therefore, the petitioner does not deserve to be granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court.

5. Heard the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. Reverting to the case in hand, a perusal of the case file reveals that the specific allegations leveled by the complainant are grave and serious



in nature, involving persistent demands for dowry, acts of cruelty, allegations of illicit relations, and issuance of threats, disclosing a prima facie case requiring thorough investigation.

7. It is true that the dispute arises out of a matrimonial discord; however, the same, by itself, cannot be a ground to dilute the gravity of the allegations or to extend the concession of anticipatory bail as a matter of course. Matrimonial disputes involving allegations of cruelty and dowry harassment have far-reaching consequences, and each case must be assessed on its own merits.

8. Moreover, another factor that weighs against the petitioner is his conduct during the course of proceedings. The judicial record reflects that despite the matter being referred for mediation on two occasions, i.e. first by the learned trial Court and thereafter by this Court, the petitioner failed to meaningfully participate in the process. Even when this Court, showing indulgence, permitted mediation proceedings to be conducted through video conferencing to facilitate his participation, the effort remained a non-starter.

9. Furthermore, although the parties did appear pursuant to the directions of this Court, the interaction reveals that the petitioner adopted a rigid and uncooperative attitude, displaying no inclination to resolve the dispute amicably, even reflecting a lack of bona fides to even cooperate with the judicial process.

10 In view of the foregoing discussions, this Court does not deem it a fit case to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

11. Accordingly, the instant petition stands dismissed.



12. Needless to say that nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.
13. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

24.03.2026
Ritika

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

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