



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

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CRM-M-61418-2025

Date of Decision: 19.02.2026

ANAMIKA @ AKASH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Brijesh Nandan, Advocate for the petitioner through V.C.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.166 dated 12.10.2025, registered under Sections 329(1), 329(4), 62, 351(3), 305 and 190 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, at Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala, Punjab.

2. Status report dated 18.02.2026 filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Copy thereof, has been supplied to opposite counsel.

3. Vide order dated 03.11.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 21.01.2026. Learned State counsel further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for further investigation.

5. Keeping in view the nature of the allegations as levelled against

the petitioner and circumstances peculiar to this case, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case for pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is made out. It is well settled that pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post conviction. As such, a case is made out for allowing the present petition.

6. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 03.11.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

February 19, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No