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

**CRM-M-65169-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.03.2026**

Deepak Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Vivek Baghla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate
for the complainant.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short '*BNSS*'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 184 dated 02.11.2025, under Sections 316(2) and 85 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

2. Vide order dated 24.03.2026, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“Petitioner as well as the complainant are present in Court today and have been interacted with.

Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the petitioner, who is present in person, submit that the payment of Rs.5,000/- is ready, however, the same could not be paid to the



complainant today as the complainant is not having a UPI Account. Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to arrange for the same today itself.

Vide order dated 19.11.2025 passed by the Coordinate Bench, it was ordered that no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner in order to explore the possibility of compromise. However, despite best efforts made by the Meditation and Conciliation Centre as well as the interaction undertaken by this Court, no fruitful result could be arrived at.

On merits, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that this is the second marriage of both the parties which was solemnized in the year 2019 and they were blessed with a girl child on 31.10.2023. Subsequently, certain matrimonial discord occurred and the petitioner filed a divorce petition after a complaint was made by respondent No.2. It is further submitted that the petitioner has made earnest efforts to rehabilitate the matrimonial accord but the complainant has always tried to dominate the position and threatening the petitioner of dire consequences by saying that all the laws are in her favour.

Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently argued that the petitioner is playing hide and seek with the Court and only to wriggle out of the consequences, the petitioner had entered into the compromise which the petitioner did not honour. It is further submitted that all the customary gifts given by the complainant and her parents are also in possession of the petitioner.

*In light of the above, the petitioner is directed to join investigation on **26.03.2026 at 10:00 A.M.** before the Investigating Officer and cooperate with the Investigating Agency, even thereafter and ensure that all the articles which are in his possession are duly returned.*

In the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer and the



petitioner shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023.

It is made clear that, in case, the petitioner is found involved in any such activity once again, the present concession so granted shall automatically stand vacated.

Adjourned to 30.03.2026. ”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Manjeet Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 24.03.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 26.03.2026 and is not required for any further investigation.
4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 24.03.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute, subject to the condition enumerated under Section 482(2) BNSS.
5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read as granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. Liberty is reserved with the investigating agency/complainant to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.), in the event of violation of any term, stipulated under Section 482(2) BNSS, or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

March 30, 2026
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