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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 09.02.2026

Sukhwant Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Balwinder Singh Chahal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, 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 FIR No.0276 dated 16.11.2024, under Section 140(1) of BNS, at PS Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

2. On 19.11.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) 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 hereunder:

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sukhwant Kaur	0276	16.11.2024	140(1) of BNS	Sadar Ferozepur	Ferozepur

(ii) Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the instant FIR against petitioner and other co-accused is merely a counterblast to the already registered FIR No. 74 dated 09.05.2024, under Sections 363/366-A IPC, at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, Ferozepur, in which the petitioner is the complainant,



and complainants in the present case are facing proceedings as accused. Counsel further submits that this is a case of no injury, and custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not serve any meaningful purpose. Moreover, petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation if provided protection from arrest.

(iii) Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.

(iv) Adjourned to 09.02.2026.

(v) In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(vi) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court ”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 19.11.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Surnam Singh, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner on 28.01.2026, 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 19.11.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when



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required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of her passport 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.

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

09.02.2026
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/ NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO