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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 16.03.2026

Jyoti Rani alias JyotiPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

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 First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Jyoti Rani alias Jyoti	53	25.04.2025	108, 3(5) of BNS	City Jalalabad	Fazilka

2. On 13.01.2026, following order was passed:-

- “1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail, in case, FIR No.53, dated 25.04.2025, under Sections 108, 3(5) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that, as per the allegations mentioned in the FIR, complainant’s son, namely Amardeep Singh @ Ambu, was married to the petitioner, Jyoti Rani @ Jyoti, about seven



years prior to the alleged occurrence. It is alleged that the deceased suspected the petitioner of having illicit relations with one Maninder Singh @ Babbu and, on the basis of such suspicion, he wrote a suicide note (placed on record as Annexure P-5), and thereafter, ended his life.

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no material whatsoever has been collected during the course of investigation to substantiate the allegation of any illicit relationship between the petitioner and Maninder Singh @ Babbu. It is argued that the deceased may have taken extreme step on account of emotional vulnerability, lack of understanding, or due to misconceived notions developed by him, for which no other person can be held responsible.*

4. *It is further contended that there were lawful and remedial alternatives available to the deceased and it cannot be presumed that petitioner had instigated or abetted the deceased to such an extent that he was left with no option except to commit suicide. Consequently, the essential ingredients of abetment are absent in the present case.*

5. *Notice of motion.*

6. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

6. *Adjourned to 21.04.2026.*

7. *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 ad-interim bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*



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8. *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. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance with the order dated 13.01.2026 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation and has extended full cooperation. He, therefore, prays for confirmation of the interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Gursewak Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Jalalabad, in Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper-book.

Learned State counsel on instruction, submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation and as of now, her custodial interrogation is not required.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 13.01.2026, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

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It is made clear that petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. However, it is clarified that in case the passport or an affidavit regarding non-possession of a passport, if she does not possess one, is not submitted to the Investigating Agency or the Court concerned within a period of two weeks from today, the present order shall be deemed to be inoperative and the Investigating Officer shall be at liberty to proceed with the arrest of the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

16.03.2026

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