



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

CRM-M-66620-2025

Date of Decision:- 23.01.2026

KUFETULLA

....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Naveen Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Imran Farooqi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Himanshu Puri, Advocate for
Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate for complainant.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner Kufetulla has filed instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.0020 dated 30.07.2025 under Section 85 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Women Police Station Malerkotla (Annexure P-1).

Status report filed by respondent-State, is taken on record. Counsel for the complainant filed memo of appearance on behalf of complainant. It is pointed out that in this case anticipatory bail petition has been filed by the petitioner directly in the High Court. Earlier, anticipatory bail application was filed before the Sessions Court which was dismissed for non-prosecution. Copy of order dated 18.11.2025 is Annexure P-2.

Counsel representing petitioner confirmed that no application has been filed for the restoration of said anticipatory bail application filed by petitioner Kufetulla. It is appropriate for petitioner to approach sessions Court for grant of anticipatory bail in the aforesaid FIR at the first instance rather filing anticipatory bail petition directly in the High Court. He has the remedy to seek restoration of anticipatory bail application which was dismissed in default for non-prosecution.

With this observation, present anticipatory bail petition is disposed of with the direction to the petitioner to approach Sessions Court concerned seeking appropriate relief, as per law.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

23.01.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No