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

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Date of decision : 09.03.2026

Baljit Kaur

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and Anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Ms. Akansha, Advocate for
Mr. Brijesh, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner – Baljit Kaur filed petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for issuance of direction to official respondents to dispose of their representation dated 10.11.2025 (Annexure P-2) seeking expeditious recovery of her *istridhan* relating to FIR No.0021 dated 11.03.2025, registered under Sections 420, 498-A & 406 of IPC, at Police Station Sanour, District Patiala (Annexure P-1) and to take necessary legal action against the accused persons.

2. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that the aforesaid FIR has been registered on account of matrimonial dispute. During the investigation, no *istridhan* has been recovered from the accused persons, therefore no proper investigation is being carried out. Present petitioner also gave representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, Punjab, which is Annexure P-2.



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3. Learned counsel representing State filed status report, which is taken on record. It is pointed out that on the complaint of petitioner, Investigating Wing of Punjab State Human Rights Commission conducted inquiry and had recommended for the registration of criminal case. On the said recommendation and order passed by Punjab State Human Rights Commission, FIR No. 21 dated 11.03.2025 was registered under Section 420, 498A, 406 of IPC at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala. During the course of investigation, Kuljit Kaur, Ravinder Singh, Baljit Singh, Himat Singh and Balwinder Kaur were granted anticipatory bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala. The aforesaid accused joined investigation on 19.05.2025. The interim bail was made absolute. Jaideep Singh was yet to be arrested and regarding him, lookout circular has been issued, which is Annexure R-1 and the notice issued under Section 105 Cr.P.C. is Annexure R-2. The representation received in the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala was marked to Station House Officer, Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala. Since the aforesaid accused persons were already granted anticipatory bail, notices were issued to them with the direction to join investigation and to effect the recovery of dowry articles. The said accused persons refused to accept the notice and did not cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, Section 201 of IPC was added. It is submitted that investigation in this case is still under progress. During the course of arguments, learned State counsel on instructions of ASI Bagicha Singh stated that investigating agency will take appropriate steps for the recovery of *istridhan* of the petitioner as per law.

4. I have considered the aforesaid factual position as detailed in the status report. Main accused Jaideep Singh, has gone abroad and regarding him



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lookout circular had been issued. Whereas other co-accused Kuljit Kaur, Ravinder Singh, Baljit Singh, Himat Singh and Balwinder Kaur were granted anticipatory bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala. The anticipatory bail is granted subject to the conditions enshrined therein and in case there is any disobedience or reluctance on the part of accused to cooperate with the investigating agency, then it has legal consequences.

5. In the light of this, the learned counsel representing State on instructions from ASI Bagicha Singh stated that investigating agency will take appropriate steps as per law and the investigation will be completed in a fair manner. In view of the aforesaid undertaking, no further direction is required. Present petition is accordingly disposed of with the direction to official respondents to conduct investigation in a proper and fair manner within the framework of law.

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

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

09.03.2026.*Sunil Devi*

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No