



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

CRM-M-68599-2025

Date of Decision: 16.02.2026

Angrej Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Harpal S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. By virtue of the present petition under Section 482 BNSS, petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.276 dated 30.10.2025 registered under Sections 303(2) BNS and Section 21 of the Mine and Minerals Act, 1957, at Police Station Dharmkot, District Moga, has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail.

2. Status report dated 24.01.2026 by way of affidavit of Mr. Jasvarinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dharamkot, Distt. Moga, has been filed. The same is taken on record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Jarnail Singh, No.788, P.S. Dharmkot, Moga, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for any further investigation.

3. On 05.12.2025 following order was passed by this Court:-

“Petitioner, who is accused in case FIR No.276 dated 30.10.2025 registered against her, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS of 2023 and Section 21 of the Mine and Minerals Act, 1957 at Police Station Dharmkot, District Moga, has filed the instant petition, praying for grant of

pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The fields owned by the petitioner were inundated with flood water and when the work of levelling the land was going on, the present FIR was lodged due to political rivalry. Moreover, petitioner, who is 72 years old woman was not even present at the spot. At her age, the possibility of her allegedly indulging in mining operations does not arise. Nonetheless, the petitioner is willing to join the investigation.

Notice of motion for 27.01.2026.”

Meanwhile, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and cooperate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, she shall be released on interim bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 05.12.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

5. The petition stands allowed.

6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

16.02.2026

Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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