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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 19.02.2026

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.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr.Rapton Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioner (through VC).

Mr.Yadwinder Singh, AAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.36 dated 24.05.2021, under Sections 363, 366-A, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Phul District Bathinda.
2. Vide order dated 29.01.2026, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 36 dated 24.5.2021, under Sections 363, 366-A and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Phul, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case on the statement of the complainant by levelling allegations that the petitioner enticed away his minor daughter on the false pretext of marriage, for the reason that the petitioner was well known to the prosecutrix. It is submitted that the prosecutrix in her



statement recorded under Section 183 of BNSS has categorically stated that she, on her own accord, left her home and went to the petitioner, subsequent to which they performed marriage. It has also been submitted that there is a delay of about 12 days in lodging the present FIR. There is also no material on record that point towards the complicity of the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Served with an advance copy of the petition, Ms. Guramrit Kaur, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Status report by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Phul, District Bathinda is already on record. Along with the status report, the statement of the prosecutrix recorded under Section 183 of BNSS has been appended. The prosecutrix has categorically stated therein that she had left her home on her own will, whereafter she solemnized marriage with the petitioner. She also stated therein that her parents used to beat her and forced her to perform wrong deeds.

Adjourned to 19.2.2026.

In the meantime, the petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. He shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023;-

(1) That the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so. (2) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts to the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to Court or to any police officer

(3) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior



permission of the Court.

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.”

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Avtar Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 29.01.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 03.02.2026 and is not required for any further investigation.

4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 29.01.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.

5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

6. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner(s).

7. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

8. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.

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10. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.) to arrest the accused-petitioner(s), in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

11. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

February 19, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No