



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-70367-2025

HIMANI SAYAL

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR

.....Respondent

CRM-M-2841-2026

SURAJ KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondent

Decided on: 24.02.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, Advocate, and
Mr. Arpinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in both the cases).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in these petitions, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
(1) Himani Sayal, (2) Suraj Kumar	131	19.08.2025	108 of BNS, 2023	Urban Estate	Patiala



2. On 15.12.2025, following order was passed in CRM-M-70367-2025:-

“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
Himani Sayal, aged about 20 years	131	19.08.2025	108 of BNS, 2023	Urban Estate	Patiala

2. On oral request made by counsel for the petitioner, complainant namely Jaspreet Singh son of Jaswinder Singh, resident of H.No.296, Street No.01/A11, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala, is hereby ordered to be impleaded as respondent No.2 in the present petition.

Let amended memo of parties be filed by counsel for the petitioner, in the Registry, within a period of two days from today, without moving any separate application.

3. As per allegations levelled in the FIR by the complainant, Jaspreet Singh, it is stated that he has two brothers and deceased, Dilpreet Singh, was the youngest among them. Marriage of the petitioner with the deceased, Dilpreet Singh, was solemnized on 28.05.2025. It is alleged that after marriage, petitioner used to pick quarrels with the deceased as well as other family members.

It is further alleged that deceased had disclosed to the complainant over the telephone that his wife, Himani Sayal (petitioner herein), along with her maternal uncle, used to mentally harass him and he was fed up with such treatment. In this regard, a panchayat was convened between the parties; however, the situation allegedly remained unchanged. About a week thereafter, petitioner left the matrimonial home and started residing at her parental house. Despite this, it is alleged that petitioner continued to harass the deceased over the telephone.

Ultimately, on 16.08.2025, deceased left his house on his electric scooty stating that he was going to Reliance Company at Mandi Gobindgarh, but he did not return. Subsequently, on 19.08.2025, with



the help of divers, the dead body of Dilpreet Singh was recovered from the Bhakhra Canal at Khanauri, and his scooty was found on the bridge of the Bhakhra Canal at Nabha Road, Patiala. Consequently, FIR came to be registered against the petitioner and her other family members.

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the deceased was suffering from schizophrenia and, due to the said ailment, he used to experience seizures. He had been undergoing treatment for several years and was taking medication from Dr. Suman Goyal, Punjabi Bagh, Patiala. It is contended that this fact was deliberately concealed from the petitioner by the family members of the deceased at the time of marriage.*

It is further argued that schizophrenia is associated with depression and suicidal tendencies, and therefore, petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case for the offence of abetment to suicide.

4. *Learned counsel for the petitioner further draws attention to the pension worksheet of the deceased's father, which has been placed on record as Annexure P-3, to support the defence version. It is also submitted that no suicide note has been recovered in the present case.*

Thus, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner 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.*

7. *Adjourned to 24.02.2026.*

8. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his 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.).*

9. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he 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. On 20.01.2026, following order was passed in CRM-M-2841-2026:-

“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:-

<i>Name & age of Petitioner (s)</i>	<i>FIR No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Section(s)</i>	<i>Police Station</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>Suraj Kumar, aged about 53 years</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>19.08.2025</i>	<i>108 of BNS, 2023</i>	<i>Urban Estate</i>	<i>Patiala</i>

2. As per allegations levelled in the FIR by the complainant, Jaspreet Singh, it is stated that he has two brothers and deceased, Dilpreet Singh, was the youngest among them. Marriage of the petitioner with the deceased, Dilpreet Singh, was solemnized on 28.05.2025. It is alleged that after marriage, petitioner used to pick quarrels with the deceased as well as other family members.

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Ultimately, on 16.08.2025, deceased left his house on his electric scooty stating that he was going to Reliance Company at Mandi Gobindgarh, but he did not return. Subsequently, on 19.08.2025, with the help of divers, the dead body of Dilpreet Singh was recovered from the Bhakhra Canal at Khanauri, and his scooty was found on the bridge of the Bhakhra Canal at Nabha Road, Patiala. Consequently, FIR came to be registered against the petitioner and her other family members.



3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the deceased was husband of Himani, who has already been granted concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 15.12.2025 passed in CRM-M70367-2025. He further submits that the deceased suffering from schizophrenia and, due to the said ailment, he used to experience seizures. He had been undergoing treatment for several years and was taking medication from Dr. Suman Goyal, Punjabi Bagh, Patiala. It is contended that this fact was deliberately concealed from the petitioner by the family members of the deceased at the time of marriage. It is further argued that schizophrenia is associated with depression and suicidal tendencies, and therefore, petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case for the offence of abetment to suicide.*

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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.*

7. *Adjourned to 24.02.2026.*

8. *To be heard alongwith CRM-M-70367-2025.*

9. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his 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.).*

10. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he 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.”



4. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners contends that in compliance of the order dated 15.12.2025 passed in (CRM-M-70367-2025) and order dated 20.01.2026 (passed in CRM-M-2841-2026) by this Court, petitioners have joined the investigation, and have fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail orders.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed status reports dated 23.02.2026 (in both the cases) in the Court today and the same are taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioners of joining the investigation by the petitioners, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Since, both the petitioners have already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 15.12.2025 passed in (CRM-M-70367-2025) and order dated 20.01.2026 (passed in CRM-M-2841-2026), passed by this Court are hereby made absolute. **Accordingly, present petitions are allowed.**

However, petitioners 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.

8. Accordingly, petitions stand disposed of.



9. However, present order would be subject to the submission of passport of the petitioners to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if they possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, they would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that they doe not possess any passport.

 It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

10. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

24.02.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO