

138 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026.PHHC:041523



CRM-M-71767-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.03.2026

RANI ... PETITIONER
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT
VERSUS

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jagdish Singh Mahal, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.159 dated 11.10.2025 registered under Sections 109, 126(2), 115(2), 191(3), 190, 351(2) IPC at Police Station Anaj Mandi, District Patiala.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the dispute arose regarding cutting of a tree standing on a vacant land near the house of the complainant. The petitioner along with co-accused Sandeep Kumar cut the said tree. When the complainant along with his companions questioned the said act, several persons from both sides assembled and hence, the altercation took place.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The only role attributed to the petitioner is that she threw brick bats at the complainant party. However, it is a case of version and cross-version as the injuries have been sustained by both the parties. The petitioner is in custody for the last 04 months and 19 days and is not involved in any other case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Parneet Singh Pandher, A.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on

behalf of the State and vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. He further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 04 months and 19 days.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that it is a case of version and cross-version; the petitioner is a female; she is not involved in any other case; she is in custody for the last 04 months and 19 days; the conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *‘bail is rule and jail is exception’*.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

9. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of her bail.

17.03.2026
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JUDGE