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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:09.03.2026

Sukhwant Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. P. S. Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Vipul Joshi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.21 dated 20.06.2025, under Sections 13(1)(a) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) of the BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Flying Squad-1, Punjab at Mohali, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

2. On 04.02.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned Senior counsel *inter alia* submits that the petitioner, 69 years old, is not a public servant and suffering from multiple age-related ailments i.e. Type-II Diabetes Mellitus, Hypothyroidism, Hypertension, Vertigo and other



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geriatric complications, besides having undergone knee replacement surgery and cataract surgery. Even her husband is paralysed and entirely dependent upon her. All the documents are already in custody of the investigating agency. She is not involved in any other case and is ready and willing to join the investigation and shall also answer any questionnaire as and when required to by the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 13.02.2026 and cooperate therewith including answer to the questionnaire, if given. In the event of her arrest, she shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 09.03.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforementioned order, the petitioner has joined investigation. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, she shall make herself available without demur.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation. She also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.



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5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 04.02.2026 granting interim bail to her, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. (now 482(2) of BNSS, 2023)

6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to her.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

March 09, 2026
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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No