



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(145)

CRM-M-74032-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 23.02.2026

HARPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Digvijay Singh Nagpal, Advocate and
Ms. Swati Devi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.205, dated 02.09.2025, under Sections 118(1), 115(2) and 3(5) of BNS, 2023 (Section 85 of BNS added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot, Punjab.

2. The contents of FIR are reproduced hereinafter.

“Statement of xxxx, daughter of Nirmal Singh, wife of Lovepreet Singh, resident of village Mehmuana, District Faridkot, age about 29 years, Mob No 98776-xxxxx, stated that I am a resident of the above address and I am a BA pass. I was married to Lovepreet Singh, son of Darshan Singh, resident of village Mehmuwala, about 04 years ago as per rituals and rites. My husband Lovepreet Singh's relationship with me was very good for 01 year. After that, the behavior of my husband Lovepreet Singh, brother-in-law Harpreet Singh, father-in-law Darshan Singh and mother-in-law Charanjit Kaur was not good towards me. I have been living in my father's village Machaki Kalan for 03 years. I had given an application to the SSP to reconstitute back to my matrimonial house in which compromise got affected and I moved to my in-laws' house a week later. The relationship of my husband Lovepreet Singh and his in-



laws' family has not been good and at the same time they started fighting with me from the very same day, From the day I went to my matrimonial house my husband Lovepreet Singh did not took tea, water and food prepared by me from me and used to pick fight with me on any pretext, then on 29.8.2025 at around 09-09:30 at night, my husband Lovepreet Singh caught me by the neck and hit me in the cooler fan in the house, it hit me on left side of my forehead and I fell and when I fall, my brother in law Harpreet Singh hit my upper shoulder from backside with his sharp iron object and then my t shirt was torn from the biceps then my brother in law Harpreet Singh caught both my arms and my husband Lovepreet Singh slapped me on the face and pushed me and threw me which hurt my left back and I screamed 'marta-marta' but no one came to my rescue me, my father in law Darshan Singh and mother in law Charanjit Kaur kept watching, I started bleeding profusely, then seeing me bleeding, my husband Lovepreet Singh and brother-in-law Harpreet Singh turned off the lights of the house and ran away from home and then I found myself lying on my back. When my father Nirmal Singh came to know about our fight, my father Nirmal Singh and mother Sukhjit Kaur came on the spot and after a while, they took me to GGSM Hospital, Faridkot, where the doctor is treating me. The reason is that my husband Lovepreet Singh does not want to restitute me in his house, who has kept illegal relations outside the house and my parents are poor. They are demanding more dowry, my husband Lovepreet Singh and in laws family have beaten me up and appropriate legal action should be taken against them. I am writing this statement in the presence of my father Nirmal Singh. I have written a statement to you and read it which is correct."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case by the complainant by levelling allegations that the petitioner, who in her jeth (brother-in-law), along with his family members inflicted injuries upon her person and also caused mental and physical cruelty. It is submitted that the marriage between the brother of the petitioner and the complainant was solemnized about five years ago. Being a runaway marriage, the family members of the complainant were not happy with the said marriage. Moreover, because of pressure from the complainant, the brother of the petitioner along with her had been residing separately from rest of the family members. It is the

further submission that no such incident of beatings as alleged had taken

place. It is submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation and co-operate.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that there are specific and serious allegations against him. He states that the petitioner was actively involved in the commission of the offence.

5. While placing reliance upon the status report filed in the connected petition, he submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that he along with other family members caused mental and physical cruelty upon the complainant. He further submits that during investigation statements of witnesses were recorded, as per which the complainant was turned out of her matrimonial house by her in-laws family for demand of cash and a bullet motorcycle as dowry. On 20.08.2025 the complainant lodged a complaint to the District Police for her rehabilitation, there the brother of the petitioner petitioner took the complainant to his house on 22.08.2025. Thereafter, on 29.08.2025 the complainant was beaten up by her husband and in-laws family. As per her MLR, the complainant received as many as 3 injuries. Injuries No.2 and 3 have been attributed to the petitioner, whereas, injury No.1 has been attributed to co-accused. A comprehensive chart with reference to the details of the injuries inflicted on the complainant are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Injuries	Marked	Injury Number
1	Superficial incised wound measuring 1.8x0.2 cm, present over left side of forehead, 1.5cm lateral to midline, 4.3cm above left eyebrow, tailing present upwards, clean cut margins present, fresh bleeding present.	Yes	1
2	Superficial incised wound measuring 11.2x0.4cm, present over back of right arm, 7cm below tip of right shoulder joint, along with linear abrasion measuring	Yes	2



	3.2x0.1, vertically placed, tailing present downwards, clean cut margins present, fresh bleeding present.		
3	Complain of pain over the front of left shoulder joint. No external mark of injury visible at the time of examination. Swelling and tenderness present.	Yes	3

6. As such, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessitated in this case so as to ascertain the true factual aspect of the alleged occurrence, and for the recovery of the sharp edged weapon of offence, which was used by the petitioner.

7. Heard the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

8. *Prima facie* serious allegations have been levelled that the petitioner, who is the brother-in-law of the complainant, in connivance with other co-accused not only subjected the complainant to harassment for dowry, but actively participated in the physical assault of the complainant by her husband. The MLR of the complainant discloses that as many as 3 injuries have been suffered by her. The injury on the back of the right arm of the complainant, opined to be inflicted with sharp weapon, has been specifically attributed to the petitioner.

9. The position of law is settled that the concession of anticipatory bail, which is an extraordinary relief, cannot be granted on the mere asking of the petitioner. There must be an existence of exception circumstances in their favour so as to warrant the Court to extend this concession. Regrettably, there is nothing in the pleadings made on behalf of the petitioner, so as to make out the existence of any such exception circumstances in his favour and make him entitled for grant of concession of anticipatory bail.

10. Therefore, having regard to the gravity of the alleged offences,



the material on record, and the likelihood that custodial interrogation would be required of ascertaining the true extent of the alleged occurrence, this Court is not inclined to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, since grant of such relief at this stage might prejudice a free, fair and effective investigation.

- 11. Accordingly, the instant petition stands dismissed.
- 12. Needless to say that nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

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

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

February 23, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No