



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(152)

CRM-M-74162-2025

Date of Decision: 25.02.2026

GEETA DEVI

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Ms. Madhu Bala, Advocate for
Mr. Angraze Singh Dhindsa, 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 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.192 dated 21.10.2025, under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 351(2), 76, 191(3) and 190 of BNS (corresponding Sections 341, 323, 506, 354-B, 148 and 149 of IPC), registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

2. Vide order dated 02.01.2026, the petitioner was directed to join investigation. The said order is reproduced hereinafter:-

“Petitioner Geeta Devi has filed this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 192 dated 21.10.2025, under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 351(2), 76, 191(3) and 190 of BNS 2023 (corresponding Sections of IPC 341, 323, 506, 354-B, 148 and 149 of IPC), registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that present petitioner is though named in FIR, but no specific role is attributed to her. In fact, the allegations are false and without any basis. The quarrel took place in the street and on the next day FIR was lodged. Offence under Section 354-B



has been added only to make the offences non-bailable. Petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Ekom Pal Sagoo, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of State. He opposed the present anticipatory bail petition. It is pointed out that present petitioner was present along with other co-accused and constituted an unlawful assembly, therefore, she has played active role.

Considering the facts narrated in the FIR, it is evident that occurrence took place between the neighbours and the dispute was regarding bursting of crackers. Petitioner is a lady who is ready to join the investigation. Let status report be called for.

Adjourned to 25.02.2026 for filing status report.

In the meantime, arrest of petitioner Geeta Devi is stayed subject to the joining of investigation till next date of hearing.”

3. Status report by way of affidavit of PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Kotkapura, District Faridkot has been filed by the State in the registry, which is taken on record.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the investigating officer concerned, submits that in compliance of order dated 02.01.2026, the petitioner has joined the investigation on 22.01.2026 and is not required for any further investigation.

5. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 02.01.2026 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.

6. 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.

7. 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).



8. 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.
9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
10. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.
11. 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.
12. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

February 25, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*