



206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-11493-2025
Date of decision: 15.05.2025

JASPAL KAUR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Ms. Ishika Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpartap S. Bhullar, Asst. A.G., Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.39 dated 30.03.2024, under Sections 406 and 498-A of the IPC, registered at Police Station Doraha, Khanna, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the mother-in-law of the daughter of the complainant and she is of the age of 60 years. She further submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case on the basis of vague allegations. She further submitted that even at the time when interim bail was granted to the petitioner by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, she had joined the investigation but ultimately the application for grant of anticipatory bail was dismissed only on the ground that she has not cooperated with the investigation process to the extent of non disclosure of the address and passport number of her son. She further submitted that the petitioner is not aware of the address and passport



number of her son as she is not in contact with him and rather the petitioner had disowned him long time ago and therefore, the aforesaid cannot become a ground for denial of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law of the daughter of the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that when notice of motion was issued by this Court on 01.03.2025, an interim order was passed, whereby the arrest of the petitioner was stayed and thereafter, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has fully cooperated with the investigation process but the Investigating Officer had been repeatedly asking from her the address and passport number of her son, which she could not disclose because she does not have any information regarding the address and passport number of her son.

4. On the other hand, Mr. Gurpartap S. Bhullar, Asst. A.G., Punjab submitted that after the arrest of the petitioner was stayed by this Court vide order dated 01.03.2025, the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law of the daughter of the complainant has joined the investigation but she has not disclosed the address and passport number of her son and therefore, she is not entitled for the grant of anticipatory bail.

5. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

6. It is a case where the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law of the daughter of the complainant, is of the age of 60 years and is seeking anticipatory bail. The petitioner joined the investigation not only after the order was passed in the present petition on 01.03.2025, vide which her arrest was stayed but even when she had filed an application for grant of anticipatory bail before the learned Sessions Court. The only objection which has been raised by



the learned State counsel on the basis of instructions from the Investigating Officer is that the petitioner is not disclosing the address and passport number of her son. The present FIR is a result of a matrimonial dispute between the son of the petitioner and her daughter-in-law. It is a categorical case of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner and her husband had disowned their son long time ago and they are not in touch with him and therefore, it was not right on the part of the Investigating Officer to have coerced the petitioner to disclose the address and passport number of her son as she is not aware of the same.

7. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that the aforesaid objection taken by the learned State counsel that the petitioner has not disclosed the address and passport number of her son itself cannot become a ground for denial of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

8. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. It is directed that in case in future the petitioner is required to join the investigation process, then she shall join the investigation and cooperate fully with the investigation process. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Arresting/Investigating Officer on her furnishing bail bonds/sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

15.05.2025
Chetan Thakur

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