

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:132229



(215)

CRM-M-42334-2025 (O&M)

Decided on : 23.09.2025

Anu Rani

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. GBS Dhillon, Advocate, for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.S. Kathuria, Advocate for the complainant.

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**Sumeet Goel (Oral):**

1. Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.66 dated 17.07.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 61(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Daresi, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

2. On 26.08.2025, the following order was passed:

*“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.66 dated 17.07.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 61(2) of BNS 2023 at Police Station Daresi, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.*

*Reply by way of affidavit of Shri Devinder Kumar, PPS, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Sub-Division North Ludhiana on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed in*

*Court today. The same be kept on record. A copy of the same has been furnished to learned counsel opposite.*

*Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner is a lady aged 49 years, the genesis of the FIR is a dispute pertaining to the estate of deceased-Anil Khosla who was the husband of the petitioner and father of the FIR-complainant & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.*

*Notice of motion.*

*On the strength of advance notice; Mr. Gurpartap S. Bhullar, AAG, Punjab has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab.*

*Mr. M.S. Kathuria, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the complainant.*

*Adjourned to 23.09.2025.*

*The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 01.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”*

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and she is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against the petitioner are direct/serious in nature and hence she ought not to be granted concession of anticipatory bail. He has further iterated that and in case the petitioner is extended the concession of

anticipatory bail, there is all the likelihood that she may flee from the process of justice as also intimidate/influence the witnesses.

5. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated therein and her custodial interrogation is not required, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 26.08.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

6. Ordered accordingly.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner 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.

8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

**September 23, 2025**

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**(SUMEET GOEL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No

