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

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Date of Decision:- 23.09.2025

BALWINDER PAL

..Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present:- Mr. Sartaj Singh Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.**

1. Petitioner Balwinder Pal has filed instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.18 dated 07.12.2024 under Section 74 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Women Police Station, Sangrur, District Sangrur (Annexure P-1).

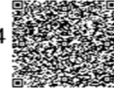
2. As per facts of the case, prosecutrix filed written complaint against her husband Khushpreet Raika, mother-in-law Kamaljit Kaur, father-in-law Balwinderpal for demand of dowry, blackmailing and indulging with her in obscene acts. Complainant stated that her marriage was performed with Khushpreet Raika on 30.01.2024. For few months, she was treated well and thereafter there was demand for money. Many times she gave her personal money to her husband but his demand started all the more. She withdrew Rs.90,000/- from her personal account in State Bank of India



Branch, DC Office Sangrur without disclosing it to her parents and handed over money to her in-laws. She was again told that said money was not enough and she should bring more money from her house. Apart from this, her father-in-law Balwinderpal started keeping bad eye on her. He indulged in wrongful act with her many times. She disclosed this fact to other family members who started asking for proof. She had played audio recording and on this her phone was broken. She took another phone from her parental family. Her father-in-law again molested her and she tried to restrain him. She is having recording regarding conduct of her father-in-law. Her dowry articles were also misappropriated. Finally, complaint was filed. Complainant presented a pen drive in support of her allegations against father-in-law. Finally, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that all allegations levelled against him are false and frivolous. There was no maltreatment or demand of dowry. In-fact, complainant was demanding Rs.20 lakhs from her husband for sending her brother abroad. She was also pressurizing to transfer the house in her name. She left the matrimonial home along with her gold ornaments lying in the house. Petitioner has been dragged in unnecessary litigation. He is ready to join the investigation. Therefore, his anticipatory bail petition may be allowed.

4. Detailed status report has been filed. Matter was thoroughly investigated. Copy of pen drive is Annexure R-3 and copy of transcript is Annexure R-4/T. FSL report is awaited. Petitioner did join the investigation. Challan is already presented and the case is pending for consideration on charge. There are specific serious allegations against petitioner regarding



molesting his daughter-in-law.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. Present petitioner is the father-in-law of the complainant who has specifically named and specific role is attributed to him. This fact is also clarified in the status report and the copy of transcript produced on record as Annexure R-4/T. There are allegations of maltreatment on account of demand of money. Considering the conduct of petitioner and the specific allegations, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner and his bail petition is, accordingly, declined.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)**  
**JUDGE**

**23.09.2025**

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