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

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Date of decision : 20.04.2026

NAVJOT SINGH ALIAS JYOTI

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Bandana Trikha Sachdev, Advocate for the petitioner.
(Through Video Conferencing)

Mr. Rohit Hans, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J.(Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 Cr.P.C. read with Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of interim bail in FIR No.52 dated 20.03.2022 registered under Sections 346, 364-A, 302, 201 and 120-B IPC (corresponding to Sections 489, 140(2), 298, 167 and 331 of BNS, 2023), at Police Station Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on the statement of complainant Manjit Singh, DDR No. 13 dated 20.03.2022 was recorded regarding the missing of his son Nirmal Singh, who had gone out of the house on 19.03.2022. Subsequently, on suspicion that his son had been wrongfully confined by unknown persons, the present FIR under Section 346 IPC was registered. During investigation, the involvement of the accused Navjot Singh @ Jyoti surfaced. It is further the case of the prosecution that another FIR No.

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196 dated 26.11.2022 under Sections 302, 364-A, 120-B and 201 IPC is also pending against the accused.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 17.12.2022 and the trial is still in progress. It is contended that the present petition is confined only to grant of interim bail on humanitarian grounds. It is further submitted that the petitioner's mother is suffering from serious ailments including cervicitis, urinary tract infection and prolapse of uterus and has been advised surgery. It is argued that there is no male member in the family to take care of her or to arrange for her surgery and post-operative care, as the petitioner's father has remarried and is not residing with them. Therefore, the presence of the petitioner is urgently required.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report in the connected case i.e. CRM-M-18737-2026 by way of affidavit of Arun Mundan, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib along with Annexures R-1 to R-3. He opposes the prayer for interim bail on the ground that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. However, on instructions and as reflected in the status report filed in the connected case by way of affidavit, it is not disputed that the medical condition of the petitioner's mother has been verified. The report specifically records that the petitioner's mother is suffering from cervicitis (urinary tract infection) and has been advised to undergo surgery for prolapse of the uterus, and the medical record in this regard has been found to be genuine.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. There is no dispute with regard to the seriousness of the allegations levelled against the petitioner. However, the present petition is for

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interim bail. From the status report filed by the State in the connected case, the medical condition of the petitioner's mother stands duly verified and it has been specifically noted that she has been advised surgical intervention. It is also not controverted that there is no other immediate family member available to take care of her during such period. In these circumstances, while balancing the gravity of the offence with the humanitarian considerations, this Court is of the view that the petitioner deserves to be granted interim bail for a limited period.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail for a period of three months from the date of his release, subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. The petitioner shall surrender before the Jail Authorities concerned immediately upon expiry of the aforesaid period.

April 20, 2026
A.Kaundal

(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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