

**CRM-M-19255-2026 (O&M)****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026:PHHC:075579

102+203**CRM-M-19255-2026 (O&M)****Date of decision: 13.05.2026****RAVI KANT AND ANOTHER****PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Present: Mr. Anil Kumar Lamdharia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Rishu Garg, Advocate for the complainant/respondent No.2.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J.**CRM-21334-2026**

1. Application under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.), 2023 has been moved on behalf of the complainant for impleading her as respondent No.2.

2. Allowed.

3. Amended memo of parties is taken on record.

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1. Application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. has been moved for placing on record, reply on behalf of respondent No.2 (Annexure A-1).

2. Heard.

3. Allowed.

4. Annexure A-1 is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.29 dated 21.01.2026 under Sections 85, 316(2) and 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.



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2. On 08.04.2026, following order was passed:-

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“Petitioners seek anticipatory bail in FIR No. 29 dated 21.01.2026 under Sections 85, 316(2), 351(3) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala, Punjab. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that marriage of son of petitioners and the complainant was solemnized on 09.03.2023. One month after the marriage, petitioners' son left for Australia and the complainant followed him after 6 months. One child was born out of the wedlock. The couple remained in Australia till 20.12.2025 whereafter they returned to India. The complainant happily left for her parents with her luggage and after 2 days, got the FIR registered alleging demand of dowry, cruelty etc. Allegations against the petitioners were vague and general and there was no question of petitioners demanding dowry as the couple was not residing with them. He further submits that the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge had ordered release of the petitioners on interim bail however, the order was not made absolute on the ground that the petitioners did not get recovered passport and medical documents of the complainant. He undertakes that petitioners would cooperate in preparation of new documents and were ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of Respondent-State and opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, petitioners are directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and join investigation within one week or as and when required. In the event of their arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioners on interim anticipatory bail on furnishing personal/surety bonds to his/her satisfaction. The petitioners shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

State is directed to file status report on 13.05.2026.”

5. Status report by way of affidavit of Satvir Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Barnala on behalf of the respondent-State has been filed. The same is made part of the record. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Daljit Singh, concedes that petitioner had

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joined investigation. It is submitted that petitioner failed to get recovered passport and other documents of the complainant.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the passport and other documents of the complainant were with her and that the petitioner was ready to cooperate with her to get fresh ones prepared.

7. Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be denied for the reason that entire recovery has not been effected. Whether the passport etc. were indeed entrusted to the petitioner would be a matter of trial. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, as enumerated above, but without commenting on merits, order dated 08.04.2026, granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 482(2) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

13.05.2026
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No