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

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Date of decision : 13.05.2026

PUNEETA MALLI

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

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

Present:- Mr. Karan Vir Nanda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

H.S., J.(Oral)

1. This is a petition for anticipatory bail filed under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding Section 438 of Cr.P.C) in case FIR No.35 dated 23.02.2026, under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of BNS (earlier Sections 406 & 420 IPC) registered at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar.

2. This Court, vide order dated 23.04.2026, had directed the petitioner to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of her arrest, she was ordered to be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the SHO/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 23.04.2026 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation.



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4. Learned State counsel, upon instructions, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 23.04.2026 is **made absolute**. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

6. However, it is clarified that the investigating authority on addition of an offence or offences may not proceed to arrest the accused/petitioner, but for arresting the accused/petitioner on such addition of offence or offences, it needs to obtain an order to arrest the accused/petitioner from the Court which had granted the bail in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Sumit versus State of U.P. and Another*, Criminal Appeal No. 830 of 2026, decided on 09.02.2026.

May 13, 2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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