



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

(105)

**CRM-M-35039 of 2026
Date of Decision: 02.07.2026**

Lachhmi Kaur

...Petitioner

VS

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Vasundhara Dalal, Senior D.A.G. Haryana.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'the BNSS'), is for the grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.26 dated 27.03.2026, registered under Section 305 read with Section 3 (5) of BNS, 2023, at Police Station Mansa Devi, District Panchkula, Haryana.

2. On 27.03.2026, a complaint was submitted by one Tarsem Chand stating that at about 11.30 a.m., he and his wife Santosh Rani had gone to the Patiala Temple in the Mansa Devi Complex Panchkula to offer food at the Bhandara. As they entered the temple, 3-4 women were standing behind them. While offering food, his wife felt that her hand had become little lighter and when she looked at it, she found that her gold bangle weighing about 3 tolas had been cut. A suspicion was expressed by the complainant that the women standing behind them had stolen the bangle from the wrist of his wife. On the basis of the complaint, FIR No. 26 dated 27.03.2026, under Section 305 read with Section 3 (5) of BNS, 2023 was registered at Police Station Mansa Devi, District Panchkula. Upon a perusal



of the CCTV footage, it was found that four women had encircled the wife of the complainant and had subsequently left in haste. The Investigating Agency came to the prima facie conclusion that these women had cut the gold bangle from the wrist of the wife of the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He submits that the petitioner is 71 years old and has no role to play in the matter. He submits that the petitioner had simply gone to offer obeisance at the temple and the CCTV footage, does not, in any manner, even *prima facie* suggest that the petitioner or the other women had cut the gold bangle. He submits that considering the advance age of the petitioner, it is a fit case for the grant of anticipatory bail. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is willing to join investigation and to abide by any condition imposed by this Court.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for the grant of anticipatory bail. The CCTV footage has been produced before the Court which has been seen. Such like incidents are on the rise and, in the considered opinion of this Court, custodial interrogation would be imperative to elicit the truth.

5. In the considered opinion of this Court, even keeping in view the age of the petitioner and that the fact that she is a woman does not make her case any better on account of the gravity of the allegations.

That being so, the present petition is found to be devoid of merit and is accordingly dismissed.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

July 02, 2026

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