

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(@SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) NO(S). 3796/2026)

ROHMA QAMARUDDIN

APPELLANT

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the order dated 12.02.2026 passed by the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in CRM-M-51900/2025 (O&M).

Apprehending arrest in connection with FIR No.50/2024 registered at Police Station - Division No.2, Distt. Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, for the offence punishable under Sections 406, 420, 465, 468, 471 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the appellant preferred an application before the High Court seeking anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ("BNSS" for short).

Said application for anticipatory bail has been rejected by the High Court *vide* the impugned order dated 12.02.2026. Hence, the instant appeal has been

preferred.

By order dated 27.02.2026, this Court issued notice to the respondent and directed that no coercive steps shall be taken as against the appellant herein vis-a-vis FIR No.50 of 2024 dated 07.07.2024 at PS Division No.2, District Police Commissionerate, subject to the appellant cooperating with the investigation till the next date of hearing.

Heard learned counsel for the appellant in support of the appeal and learned counsel for the respondent-State and perused the material on record.

Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the allegations as against the appellant herein are false and frivolous and merely because certain offences have been alleged as against the husband, she has also been dragged into the matter; that the appellant's husband had been granted regular bail. In the circumstances, the appellant is seeking anticipatory bail by setting aside the impugned order subject to the terms and conditions to be imposed by this Court. Learned counsel for the appellant also submitted that in view of the interim protection granted by this Court on 27.02.2026, the appellant has been cooperating with the

investigation. In the circumstances, the relief of anticipatory bail may be granted to the appellant herein.

*Per contra*, learned counsel for the respondent-State with reference to the counter affidavit contended that there is no merit in this appeal and the same may be dismissed and in case this Court is inclined to grant relief to the appellant herein, then, stringent conditions may be imposed on the appellant.

Having regard to the arguments advanced at the bar, we find that the interest of justice would be served in the instant case by making absolute the interim order dated 27.02.2026 granted by this Court.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and set-aside the order passed by the High Court.

We direct that in the event of arrest of the appellant, the Arresting Officer shall release the appellant on bail, subject to furnishing cash security for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) with two like sureties.

It is directed that the appellant shall extend complete cooperation in the ensuing investigation. The appellant shall not misuse her liberty and shall

not in any way influence the witnesses or tamper with the material on record.

Any infraction of the conditions may entail cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the appellant herein.

With the aforesaid directions, the criminal appeal is allowed.

....., J  
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

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(UJJAL BHUYAN)

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COURT NO.4

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
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