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4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Jagir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and SI Tajinder Singh, Investigating Officer of the case, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and are neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

5. During the course of hearing on 18.11.2024, following order was passed:

“ 2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner, a house lady, having no criminal antecedents has been falsely implicated in this case by the complainant, without there being any involvement of her in the alleged transaction. He contends that as per the allegations, the amount in question was allegedly paid by the complainant in the account of the husband of the petitioner, however, to pressurize, the name of the petitioner has been intentionally incorporated in the FIR with the intent to harass her. He contends that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged transaction nor any amount was paid to her and even there was no alleged inducement or fraud by the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that even on account of not arranging the Visa, the husband of the petitioner had even returned the amount of Rs. 5.90 lacs out of Rs. 17,89,800/- to the complainant party. Hence, the instant petition seeking concession of anticipatory bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and, on instructions from SI Tejinder Singh, has submitted that as per the allegations amount has been



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received in the account of the husband of the petitioner and the present case was registered on the inquiry being conducted by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, (NDPS), Hoshiarpur. He prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

6. *Adjourned to 14.01.2025.*

7. *Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.*

8. *In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of her arrest, she is ordered to be released on interim bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. She shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS).*

9. *The concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police along with the Investigating Officer of the case to remain present in Court along with relevant records on the date fixed.”*

6. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 18.11.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 18.11.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; she will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

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7. The petition stands allowed.
8. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

14.01.2025

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |