



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32857-2024

Date of decision: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Ranjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.34 dated 07.06.2024 under Sections 406, 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 13(1) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Sekhwan, District Gurdaspur.

2. Vide order dated 08.07.2025, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the cheque in question was encashed by the Bank only on the basis of a resolution of the panchayat. He further submits that an amount beyond Rs.25,000/- could only have been sanctioned/released after the BDPO has also signed the same along with the Sarpanch concerned.”*

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not

required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 08.07.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**

**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No