



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

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CRM-M-33083-2025

Date of Decision: 21.07.2025

(1) Reena Devi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CRM-M-32094-2025

(2) Shammi Gupta

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Hemant Bassi, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-33083-2025.

Mr. Tarun Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-32094-2025.

Ms. Komal Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Ishan Cooner, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Cooner, Advocate
for the complainant.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. This order shall dispose off two bail petitions, i.e., CRM-M-33083-2025 titled as “**Reena Devi Vs. State of Haryana**” and CRM-M-32094-2025 titled as “**Shammi Gupta Vs. State of Haryana**”, whereby, the petitioner(s) have applied for grant of



regular bail under Section 483 of the BNSS in case FIR No.08 dated 05.03.2025 under Sections 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and 61 BNS, 2023 and later on added Sections 7A, 13(1)b r/w 13(2) P.C. Act 1988 and 61(2) BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau, Ambala.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Sahab Singh son of late Shri Nirmal Singh and the same has been reproduced below:-

“It is requested that I Sahab Singh son of late Shri Nirmal Singh resident of village Manakpur, tehsil and district Ambala and apart from farming, I do driving. My mother Smt. Kamla Devi got married for the second time while my father was alive. Due to which a land dispute between me and my mother Smt. Kamla Devi was heard in the lower Court Ambala, which was decided in favour of my mother Smt. Kamla Devi. I had filed an appeal in the District Court Ambala against the decision of the lower court, which was decided in my favour on 21.12.2024 In the month of December, 2024, as per the order passed by the Hon'ble Court Ambala, when I went to meet Reena Patwari at her office near Manav Chowk, Ambala city to get the mutation sanctioned. Then, I met Reena Patwari's assistant Shammi, I showed the copies of the said orders to assistant Shammi, who took me to Reena Patwari. Reena Patwari, after seeing my court orders, told me to get these orders marked by the Tehsildar or Kanungo, then I got the Court orders marked by the Tehsildar and gave them to the Kanungo.



A few days later, I met Shammi the assistant Patwari, to whom I said that a few days ago I had got the court orders marked by the Tehsildar and given them to the Kanungo. Then Shammi told me that we will complete all the formalities with the Kanungo and other documents ourselves and get the mutation sanctioned in your name, you give us Rs 50,000/- And he kept the court orders of my land with himself and told me to come and meet him later. Yesterday on 04.03.2025 I again went to Reena Patwari's office where both Reena Patwari and her assistant Shammi were present. I requested the Patwari and Shammi assistant Patwari to transfer my land in my name and said that Rs 50,000/- is too much for this work, reduce it a bit, on which Reena Patwari pointed towards Shammi and said that you tell me, then I said that I am poor and reduce it a bit, on which Reena Patwari told me to do it as per your convenience. On which Assistant Shammi told me to give it in 5-4 ups and downs and Rita Patwari nodded her head in gesture. Then I said that I will arrange for the money He has called me today with about 45,000 rupees. But I have only 40,000/- rupees, so today I will give them only 40,000/- rupees out of the total 45000/- rupees. If I do not give this bribe amount of Rs. 40,000/- to these two, they will not register the mutation in my name. I do not want to give this bribe amount to Reena Patwari Tehsil Ambala and her assistant and want to get catch both of them red handed with the bribe amount. I had recorded the conversation of these two regarding the demand of bribe amount, which I will submit to you later. I have presented to you a total of 80 notes of Rs. 500/- each of the bribe amount



along with my typewritten complaint I request you to take legal action against Reena Patwan and her assistant Shammi. Sd/- Sahab Singh Sahab Singh son of late Shri Nirmal Singh, r/o village Manakpur, tehsil and district Ambala No. 9992830235 No. 05.03.2025”

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Reena Devi (petitioner in CRM-M-33083-2025) submits that the petitioner had not engaged the services of any person as an Assistant. Even she had no concern with Shammi Gupta, co-accused and she cannot be held liable for the acts of Shammi Gupta, co-accused. Even she had never demanded any bribe from the complainant for entering any mutation as alleged and even during the course of investigation, no evidence could be collected to that effect. He further contends that even sanction under Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act was obtained in the present case and the petitioner was wrongly arrested on 06.03.2025. Even challan has been presented against her and no witness has been examined so far.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Shammi Gupta (petitioner in CRM-M-32094-2025) also raised similar arguments and submitted that the petitioner was wrongly arrested on 02.05.2025 and even challan has been presented against him.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the



submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner(s) on the ground that they were involved in a serious crime and had demanded a sum of Rs.50,000/- for sanctioning the mutation in favour of the complainant. Even Reena Patwari was caught red handed with an amount of Rs.40,000/- as bribe money.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. In the present case, the petitioner(s) are in custody since 06.03.2025 and 02.05.2025 respectively. After presentation of challan, no witness has been examined so far. Thus, there are no chances of early conclusion of the trial. Moreover, the petitioner(s) are first offenders and were never involved in any other criminal activity. Thus, the further custody of the petitioner(s) will not serve any useful purpose.

8. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petitions are allowed. The petitioner(s) are ordered to be released on bail pending trial on their furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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