



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

210-2

CRM-M No.59081 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.02.2025

Simmi @ Simran Ghai

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

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

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.179 dated 25.10.2024, registered under Sections 420 IPC and under Sections 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC (added lateron), at Police Station City Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr).

2. In compliance of the order dated 15.01.2025, the Investigating Officer is present in the Court.

3. On 26.11.2024, the following order was passed:-

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Learned counsel for the petitioner in the asking for the relief (supra) inter-alia has placed reliance upon the order dated 22.11.2024 passed in CRM-M-58535-2024 (Annexure P-12), whereby the co-accused has been granted the relief of interim anticipatory bail to submits that the petitioner is on co-pedestal with co-accused.

Notice of motion for 15.1.2025.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG,

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Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. He submits that there is a difference in the role of the present petitioner and the above stated co-accused, who has been granted the relief of anticipatory bail, as she is the main accused, who has sent the educational documents to the agency for getting the visa.

At this stage, Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of the complainant and has vociferously opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Be that as it may, considering the role of the present petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to join the investigation and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall, however, join the investigation as and when called for and shall also abide by the conditions specified under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M-58535-2024.”

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Ravi Kumar, at the very outset, informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and her custodial interrogation is not required.
5. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 26.11.2024 is hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS (*erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973*).
6. The petition stands disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

10.02.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No