



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.5861 of 2025
Date of decision: 07.03.2025

RAMANDEEP KAUR

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Puneet Dhir, Advocate for
Mr. Mandeep S. Sachdev, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.02 dated 03.01.2025 registered under Sections 319, 318(4), 336(2), 340 and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short-'BNS'), at Police Station Navi Baradari, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

2. Vide order dated 31.01.2025, passed by this Court, the petitioners were released on interim bail and were directed to join investigation. Order dated 31.01.2025, passed by this Court, reads as under:

"The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short- 'BNSS') by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.02 dated 03.01.2025 registered under Sections 319, 318(4), 336(2), 340 and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short- 'BNS'), at Police Station Navi Baradari, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.



The aforementioned FIR has been registered on the basis of the order passed by the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalandhar in case bearing No. CRM-32314-2024 to the effect that an application for acceptance of Sapurdari bonds qua release of one Creta Car bearing registration No. PB07-CE-6006 was filed by the present petitioner before the aforesaid Court in compliance of order dated 30.11.2024 whereby, the aforementioned vehicle was ordered to be released. Personal as well as surety bonds were furnished by the petitioner who is the registered owner of the abovementioned vehicle. On checking the surety bonds, it was found that the surety bonds were furnished by one Ram Sarup and he was identified as such by one Sukhwidner Singh. However, it was revealed on checking that the same surety had previously been furnished by claiming his name as Karma and he was identified by one Vishal. As efforts had been made to cheat the Court, therefore, action was ordered to be taken. The petitioner has also been nominated as an accused. The investigation against her is underway. Apprehending her arrest, she moved an application for pre arrest bail which had been dismissed vide order dated 20.01.2025.

It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she has been falsely implicated in this case. She is an illiterate female who did not know about the complication of the law. She was registered owner of the vehicle which was involved in some other case and had been ordered to be released on sapurdari. She had

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been induced by one Sindhi @ Chacha on the name of getting her vehicle released. She had moved an application for release of the same after three months after it had been taken into custody. The abovenamed Sindhi @ Chacha had introduced her with one Advocate Saini who had furnished surety for release of the vehicle. She has not hand in the conspiracy so hatched by the abovementioned Advocate. She is ready to join the investigation. Her custodial interrogation is not required. No recovery is to be effected from her. Therefore, it is urged that she deserves to be extended benefit of pre arrest bail.

Notice of motion.

Learned State counsel who has appeared on advance notice of the petition, seeks time to file status report in the matter.

Adjourned to 07.03.2025.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer to join investigation within one week or as and when subsequently required thereafter. In the event of her arrest, the Investigating/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on ad-interim bail subject to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

It would, however, be open to the learned State counsel to file a reply indicating the involvement of the petitioner and all

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aspects would be considered at the time of final adjudication of the matter.”

3. Status report dated 04.03.2025 filed on behalf of respondent-State is taken on record.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 08.02.2025. Though, it is mentioned in the status report that the custodial investigation of the petitioner is required for conducting further investigation. The Investigating Officer- ASI Dilbagh Singh who is present in the Court, has not been able to explain as to for what further investigation of the petitioner is required.

5. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 31.01.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

07.03.2025

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(MANISHA BATRA)**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No