



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

CRM-M-55584-2024

Date of decision: 20.03.2025

SURPREET KAUR

....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
82	03.09.2024	420 of IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014	Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 08.11.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 08.11.2024.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Avtar Singh, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation. ASI Avtar Singh has also verified about the deposit of the

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amount of Rs.5 lakhs by the petitioner before the learned trial Court in compliance to the order dated 08.11.2024.

4. Mr. Abnash Singh, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed power of attorney, which is taken on record. He opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. During the course of hearing on 08.11.2024, following order was passed:

“ Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the money is alleged to have been passed on during the period November, 2019 to July, 2022. It has been submitted that as a matter of fact it is the deceased husband of the petitioner, who had been running the education institute, and admittedly the son of the complainant had enrolled there and had completed diploma course.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the amount, if any, paid was paid to petitioner’s husband, who unfortunately expired in the year 2022. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that the petitioner without admitting any of the allegations is, however, ready to amicably resolve the matter for some reasonable amount and in order to prove her bona fides shall deposit an amount of Rs.5 lakhs before the Trial Court within a period of 4 week from today.

Notice of motion for 20.3.2025.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.



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The aforesaid directions shall, however, be subject to the condition that the petitioner, as per her offer, shall deposit an amount of Rs.5 lakh before the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate within a period of 4 weeks from today. Upon deposit of such amount, the Trial Court/Illaq Magistrate shall get the same invested in some FDR with some Nationalized Bank with a specific direction to Manager of the bank concerned not to entertain any request for encashment of the same except under orders of the Court.”

5. 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 08.11.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 08.11.2024 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.

6. The petition stands allowed.

7. 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

20.03.2025

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