

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

**CRM-M No.31916 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 08.01.2016**

Mehak Sharma

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. C.L.Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Baldev Singh.

Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate for the complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offences punishable under Sections 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, in a case arising out of FIR No.243 dated 14.11.2014, registered at Police Station, Division No.5, Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

As per the allegations levelled by three complainants, a sum of Rs.40,25,000/- was paid to the petitioner/accused and her husband-Ameer Singh for sending the complainants on proper Visas to Australia. Neither the money was refunded nor they were sent to Australia.

It is conceded that Ameer Singh has executed a document admitting his liability to pay the aforesaid amount whereupon the petitioner/wife is also stated to have issued the cheques, which were dishonoured.

Be that as it may, learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that as far as the petitioner is concerned, she is not involved in the activity of her husband, who has been arrested. It is further submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and nothing is to be recovered from her.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Baldev Singh, concedes that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned Counsel for the complainant also heard at length.

In view of the above, interim pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 06.10.2015, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

January 08, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE