

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

CRM-M-36227-2016 (O&M)

Date of decision : 06.10.2016

Sonia Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Vivek Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.210 dated 05.07.2016, registered under Section 4 of the Prize Chits & Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978 and Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Tripuri, Distt. Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case. She handed over the cheques in question to one Seema Sharma as security, who further handed over the same to the complainant.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and upon perusal of the case file, this Court feels that the instant petition lacks merit.

During the course of arguments, it has transpired that the cheques in question were issued by the petitioner in order to help co-accused Vinod Sharma, her husband, in carrying out the illegal activities.

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Thus, she is an active participant in the commission of crime.

The allegations against the petitioner are of duping the complainant of Rupees seventeen lacs on the pretext of sending him abroad. Subsequently, it was stated that the cheques in question were issued towards some chit fund scheme. Thus, keeping in view the seriousness of the offence alleged, this Court feels that it is a fit case where custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required. The bail petition of co-accused husband of the petitioner, Vinod Sharma, has also been dismissed by this Court vide order of even date passed in CRM-M-28273-2016, wherein, it has come on record that he is involved in four more criminal cases of similar nature.

In view of the above, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

However, nothing noticed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion of this Court, on the merits of the case.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No