

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

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CRM-M No. 3454 of 2019

Date of Decision: 7.2.2019

Shweta Chawla

.....Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present:- Mr. Vikas Cuccria, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Harpreet Multani, AAG, Punjab

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**RAMENDRA JAIN, J.**

Through this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No. 60 dated 16.8.2017 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Nayagaon, Mohali.

According to the prosecution, the petitioner along with her accomplices namely Shamsher Singh, who has impersonated as Harvinder Singh, Karambir Singh and his wife Jasbir Kaur, Ramesh Kumar, Sanjiv Kumar and Ravi Kumar etc. in connivance with each other cheated the general public including the complainant for Rs.1.35 crores, by issuing forged VISAs papers on the pretext of getting them employed abroad.

Learned counsel contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR; no money ever allegedly cheated was transferred to the bank account of the petitioner or was given in cash. The petitioner has falsely been implicated on the statement of co-accused Karambir Singh and he is ready to join the investigation.

Contrary to that, learned State counsel contends that out of the aforesaid cheated amount of Rs.1.35 crores, Rs.64 lakhs in cash was taken by the petitioner.

Considering the exorbitant cheated amount, this Court is of the view that the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation to unearth the modus operandi of the alleged racket, of which, according to the prosecution, the petitioner is a part and parcel.

Therefore, this Court is not inclined to grant concession of bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

**(RAMENDRA JAIN)**  
**JUDGE**

**7.2.2019**  
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| Speaking/Reasoned | Yes/No |
| Reportable        | Yes/No |