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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1708-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.02.2025

Damandeep Kaur
Versus
State of Punjab
...Petitioner
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Karan Vir Nanda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.182 dated 12.09.2024 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala.

2. On the last date of hearing on 15.01.2025, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked her to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a totally false and fabricated case has been planted upon the petitioner which is writ large on a bare perusal of the FIR in question which has been annexed as Annexure P-1. Allegedly the complainant applied for spouse visa which was declined by the British High Commission as a result of which



the complainant was unable to join the company of his wife i.e. the petitioner. Learned counsel has asserted that in the circumstances, no attribution can be made qua the petitioner much less of cheating her husband i.e. the complainant and the money, if any, allegedly paid by the complainant was towards the study of his wife i.e. the petitioner.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether the petitioner has been declared a proclaimed offender since the FIR was registered way back on 12.09.2024, he has categorically replied in the negative and also submitted that as on date no proceedings under Section 82 of the Cr.P.C. have been initiated against the petitioner, who is presently residing in the U.K.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 15.01.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Lakhwinder, has not disputed the submissions made by the counsel opposite that there has been compliance of order dated 15.01.2025 and that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 15.01.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

27.02.2025

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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