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

CRM-M-11636-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision : 28.04.2025

Ranjit Kaur and another

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Ms. Shreya Rana, Advocate for
Mr. Vijay Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. T.P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'the B.N.S.S.') has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in FIR No.109 dated 07.11.2024, under Sections 420 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala.

(2) Allegations are that petitioners along with co-accused in connivance with each other have duped the *de facto* complainant to the tune of Rs.14 lakh on the pretext of returning the said amount on the basis of compromise.

(3) Learned counsel contends that petitioners were granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.03.2025 and in pursuance thereof, they have already joined the investigation; hence, their custodial interrogation is not required.



(4) Learned State counsel, on instructions from the quarter concerned, acknowledged the above factual position, and submits that as on today, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required.

(5) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

(6) It transpires that petitioners were granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.03.2025 and the order reads as under:-

“Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Manjot Kaur, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, petitioners shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer; but they be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

(7) It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioners have joined investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

(8) In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 03.03.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(9) It is also made clear that petitioners shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.



(10) The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

(11) It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioners, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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