

2025:PHHC:080947



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

CRM-M-13444-2025

Date of decision: 08.07.2025

Smt. Nalima Warraich

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sachin Kalia, Advocate, and
Mr. Ranjit S. Bajaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail, under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, in case FIR No.150, dated 30.07.2023, under Section 174-A of IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.6, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar.

2. On the last date of hearing i.e. 11.03.2025, 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 submits that the complaint filed against her under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act was based on false allegations, as she had not taken any loan from the complainant. However, to maintain peace, she repaid the cheque amount in favour of the complainant. Due to miscommunication, she was unable to appear before the Trial Court in the aforesaid complaint case, leading to her being declared a Proclaimed Person.

Subsequently, she appeared before the Trial Court and was granted bail. It is contended that since the petitioner has joined the proceedings and the cheque amount has also been paid, there is no apprehension of her evading proceedings in the present FIR registered under Section 174-A IPC, which emanates from the complaint case registered against her under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. Furthermore, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 11.03.2025, petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 11.03.2025, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 08, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No