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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-33280-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.08.2025

Shivani SharmaPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bareen Pratap Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate for the complainant.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.(Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Shivani Sharma	173	03.06.2025	420 IPC	Division No.5	Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana

2. On 25.06.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Through the instant petition, as instituted under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023, the petitioner seeks the concession of anticipatory bail, in FIR No.173 dated 03.06.2025, under Section 420 IPC, registered at P.S. Division No.5, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, the sole offence for which the petitioner is sought to be arrested, is the one punishable under Section 420 IPC, maximum prescribed punishment whereof is upto 7 years. He further submits that, the dispute is between real sisters and the entire case is based upon documentary evidence. Moreover, the petitioner is ready and



willing to join the investigation and to cooperate with the investigating officer.

3. At this stage, Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate, records his appearance on behalf of the complainant, under a validly executed Vakalatnama instituted before this Court today. While referring to the contents of the FIR, wherein it has been specifically recorded that, in the CCTV Footage, it is the petitioner who is seen filling the cheque in question, he vociferously opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, he fairly submits that, since the dispute is between sisters, therefore, there are chances of the matter becoming amicably settled through mediation.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that, the petitioner is ready and willing for amicable settlement of the dispute through mediation.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab.

7. Be that as it may, considering the proposal for amicable settlement, as put forth by the learned counsel for the complainant, which is not opposed by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the matter is referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. The parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 08.07.2025.

8. List on 25.08.2025, for awaiting the outcome of mediation. 9. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and to appear before the investigating agency, as and when called upon to do so. In the event of her arrest, she shall be admitted to interim bail on her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance of the order dated 25.06.2025, passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated. Therefore, he prays for confirmation of the said interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from quarter concerned, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 07.08.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

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5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 25.06.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

25.08.2025

Rajeev (rvs)

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No