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

**CRM-M-34480-2025
DECIDED ON: 04.07.2025**

POONAM KUMARI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. S.K. Bishnoi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer

The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0144, dated 24.02.2025, under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 61 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 3(4), 318(2), 61(2) of BNS, 2023 added later on, registered at Police Station Kundli, District Sonapat, Haryana.

2. Contention

On behalf of the petitioner

Learned counsel for the applicant-accused submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case by the police with the ulterior motive of extorting money. It is contended that the petitioner has no connection whatsoever with the alleged offence(s). The petitioner joined the

company on 05.03.2024 as a receptionist, and her responsibilities were limited to receiving visitors and coordinating with the company's owner, Mr. Ajay Aggarwal.

It is further submitted that subsequent to her appointment, Mr. Ajay Aggarwal began exerting pressure on the petitioner to perform personal tasks beyond her official duties. He allegedly called her to his flat in TDI, Kundli, under the pretext of assigning personal work, where he attempted to coerce her into establishing a sexual relationship. It is alleged that he offered inducements in exchange for compliance and issued threats to ruin her reputation if she refused.

Counsel further submits that on 01.01.2025, a dispute arose within the company regarding alleged GST evasion, during which the applicant, upon intervening, was threatened by Mr. Ajay Aggarwal with dire consequences. It is contended that the allegations made in the complaint/FIR are false, frivolous, and motivated. No recovery is to be effected from the applicant, and thus her custodial interrogation is not warranted. The applicant is willing to fully cooperate with the investigation and undertakes to join the same as and when required.

Notice of motion.

On behalf of the State/complainant

On the asking of Court, Mr. Chetan Sharma, DAG Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent/State, whereas Mr. Kapish Singla, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his *memo of appearance*, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant prays for dismissal of the present petition, stating that the petitioner alongwith co-accused persons cheated the complainant, but he could not put forth any incriminating material to connect the petitioner with the alleged commissioning of offence.

3. Analysis

In the present case, the FIR appears to be lodged with an ulterior motive, arising out of a personal dispute and internal conflict within the company. The petitioner, is working as a receptionist only was assigned the job of engaging the visitors making them to meet the owner of the company, Mr. Ajay Aggarwal. The circumstances leading to the present FIR indicate that the complaint has been filed as a counterblast to the petitioner's resistance and objection to such illegal and unethical conduct, including an attempt to coerce her into a sexual relationship and threats issued thereafter.

Further, the petitioner has no role in the alleged offence(s) and there is no recovery to be made from her, hence this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner would serve no useful purpose and would only result in unnecessary harassment, once the petitioner has given an undertaking in 12 of the petitioner that she is ready and willing to join the investigation and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

4. **Relief**

Hence, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation with the Investigating Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, which are reproduced below:-

'When the High Court or the Court of Session makes a direction under subsection (1), it may include such conditions in such directions in the light of the facts of the particular case, as it may think fit, including-

(i) a condition that the person shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

(ii) a condition that the person shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) a condition that the person shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

(iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.'

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within a period of one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stands cancelled.

In the aforesaid terms, the present petition stands allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

04.07.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable :Yes/No