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

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Decided on :29.08.2025

Arveena Sharma

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Harpal Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 0012 dated 16.01.2025, under Sections 420 and 406 IPC, registered at Police Station City Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present case arises out of a monetary dispute involving an amount of ₹6,50,000/- It is further submitted that , as per the allegations, the said amount was received by the petitioner from the complainant on the pretext of sending complainant's son to United Kingdom. It is further submitted that petitioner is in judicial custody since 23.01.2025. Counsel also contends that investigation has been completed, challan has also been presented

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before the learned trial Court, and charges have already been framed. However, till date, no prosecution witness has been examined. Counsel submits that culmination of trial is likely to take considerable time, therefore, prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel, while not disputing that petitioner is in custody since 23.01.2025, opposes the prayer for bail. It is submitted that petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in four other cases of a similar nature. Learned State counsel further contends that offences of this nature are on the rise in society, and releasing petitioner on bail at this stage would not only undermine the gravity of the offence but may also embolden others similarly placed. Therefore, prays for dismissal of present petition.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that all the offences alleged in the present case are triable by the Court of Magistrate. Petitioner is in custody since 23.01.2025, and as of now, no prosecution witness has been examined and trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude. Moreover, charges framed against petitioner are yet to be proved beyond reasonable doubt during the course of trial. In view of the totality of the circumstances, including the period of incarceration already undergone and the stage of trial, this Court is of the considered opinion that a case for grant of bail is made out.

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5. Consequently, prayer made in the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

6. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

7. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

29.08.2025*Rashmi*

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