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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-62433-2024
Decided on: 08.05.2025

SANGEETA RANI VERMA

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, 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
Sangeeta Rani Verma	263	24.11.2024	420 IPC	Samrala	Khanna

2. On 12.12.2024, following order was passed:-

“ The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against her vide FIR No. 263, dated 24.11.2024, Police Station Samrala, District Khanna, under Section 420 IPC.

The FIR was lodged by Amrit Rani i.e. mother-in-law of the petitioner. As per the case of prosecution son of complainant Dalip Kumar (husband of petitioner) expired on 08.04.2023. It is alleged that there was some kind of matrimonial discord between the petitioner and her husband and that the petitioner had not been residing in the house of the complainant. However, she had been called to associate with the last rites when son of the



complainant expired. It is alleged that during the said period the petitioner took away gold articles and mobile phone of complainant's son. It is alleged by the complainant that the petitioner had got online bank transactions effected for an amount of Rs.12.5 lakhs from the bank account of the complainant and that the said amount was transferred from the account of the complainant into the joint account of the complainant and deceased and was thereafter transferred to the bank account of the deceased wherein the petitioner's daughter Priyanka Verma was the nominee.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is in fact a case where an oral family settlement had been effected between the petitioner and the complainant and an amount of Rs.1 crore was agreed to be given by the complainant out of assets of deceased to the petitioner as inheritance/family settlement/maintenance of children. Learned counsel submits that it was on account of the said settlement that an amount of Rs.12.5 lakhs was transferred with the help of the mobile phone of petitioner's husband and that the said transactions were effected by the complainant's grand son.

Learned counsel submits that the falsity of the case would be evident from the fact that while the transactions were effected in November 2023, the instant FIR came to be lodged in 24.11.2024. It has further been submitted that in any case, admittedly when the mobile phone of the son of the complainant had allegedly been taken by the petitioner in April, 2023 itself, then it remains unexplained as to why the complainant or her other son who is residing abroad did not ever take any step so as to ensure that the mobile phone is not misused as is now been alleged.

Notice of motion for 08.05.2025.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482 BNSS"

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 12.12.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation, and has fully co-operated, thus, prays for confirmation of the interim bail order.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Tarlochan Singh (PPS), Deputy Superintendent of Police, Samrala, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana, in Court today. Same

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is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper book.

However, learned State counsel is unable to controvert the prayer of the petitioner.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

6. Since, the petitioner has joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required, interim order dated 12.12.2024 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Present petition is thus 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.

Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.

7. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 08, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**