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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 07.05.2026

MANJIT KAUR DHALIWAL

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr.GBS Dhillon, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Jagdeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, A.A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.181 dated 22.12.2023 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Sadar Raikot, Police District Ludhiana Rural, District Ludhiana.

2. As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner got her daughter married to the nephew of the complainant and cheated the complainant of an amount of Rs.19,32,000/- on the pretext of settling the nephew of the complainant in Canada.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The present FIR is an outcome of a matrimonial dispute between the nephew of the complainant and the daughter of the petitioner. Both the nephew of the complainant and the



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daughter of the petitioner are currently residing in Canada. As the petitioner is a lady, is in custody since 30.10.2025 but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, she is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner does not entitle her to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 30.10.2025 but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. This Court in the case titled as ***Maninder Sharma Vs. State Tax Officer, State, Mobile Wing, Jalandhar, Punjab bearing CRM-M24033-2021(O&M) Decided on 31.08.2022*** has held as under:-

“Therefore, broadly speaking (subject to any statutory restrictions contained in Special Acts) , in economic offences involving the IPC or Special Acts or cases triable by Magistrates once the investigation is complete, final report/complaint filed and the triple test is satisfied then denial of bail must be the exception rather than the rule. However, this would not prevent the Court from granting bail even prior to the completion of investigation if the facts so warrant.”

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 30.10.2025 but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. There are no serious apprehensions expressed by

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the State that the petitioner would abscond from justice, tamper with the evidence or influence witnesses if granted the concession of bail. Therefore, in this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Manjit Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Sewa Singh is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petitioner shall appear before the police station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial and inform in writing each time that she is not involved in any other crime other than the present case.

10. The petitioner (or anyone on her behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.50,000/- and deposit the same with the Trial Court. The same would be liable to be forfeited as per law in case of the absence of the petitioner from trial without sufficient cause

11. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

07.05.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No