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

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Preety Arya

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Date of decision: 10.03.2026**Date of Uploading : 10.03.2026****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. Shivam Grover, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Mahima Yashpal Singla, Senior DAG Haryana.

Mr. Vinod Ghai, Senior Advocate with

Ms. Amandeep Vashishth, Advocate and

Mr. Arnav Ghai, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.109 dated 21.02.2024 under Sections 406/420/467/468/471 of IPC registered at Police Station Krishna Gate, Thanesar (Kurukshetra).

2. On 25.04.2024, the following order was passed:-

"The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case having FIR No.109 dated 21.02.2024 registered under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC at Police Station Krishna Gate, Thanesar District Kurukshetra.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is wife of Rajan Arya who was director of company M/s Info Birth Innovation Private Limited along with complainant Dharam Pal Chaudhary. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that petitioner is falsely named in the FIR just because she is wife of co-director of the company. It is further submitted that it is a case where there is some dispute between both the directors with regard to accounts of the company which primarily amounts to civil



dispute and even otherwise, petitioner has nothing to do with the accounts of company and petitioner who is having no criminal antecedents is ready to join investigation with the police.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Neeraj Sheoran, DAG, Haryana. accepts notice on behalf of the State and on instructions from SI Janpal submits that petitioner who is wife of main accused Rajan Arya is required by the police for proper investigation of the case which has been registered on the basis of complaint lodged by complainant Dharam Pal Choudhary who along with Rajan Arya was co-director of company M/s Info Birth Innovation Private Limited.

Mr. Amandeep Vashisth, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and submits that petitioner along with her husband came to the complainant alluring him to form a company. It is further submitted that at the time of starting of the company, the entire investment to run the said company was made by the complainant. That when husband of the petitioner was in custody in criminal case having FIR No.454 dated 05.08.2023 under Section 406, 420, 370 IPC of Police Station Mahesh Nagar, Ambala, the petitioner siphoned off the money from accounts of the company. That petitioner and her husband Rajan Arya are possessing the entire records and documents with regard to accounts of the company and the same are still to be recovered from them. It is further submitted that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for proper investigation in this case.

Admittedly, the petitioner never remained management of the aforesaid company and is wife of co-director Rajan Arya and is having no criminal antecedents.

In view of above, the petitioner is hereby directed to join the investigation with the police and in case of arrest, she is to be released on interim bail by the investigating officer/arresting officer to his own satisfaction till the next date fixed in this case. The petitioner is also to abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) of Cr.P.C.

At this stage, counsel for both the parties submits that parties are not averse to settle the dispute in an amicable manner. In the given circumstances, parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 07.05.2024.

Now be listed on 26.07.2024.”

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The said order is enuring till date, except on a brief period from 23.09.2025 to 13.10.2025.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the aforesaid order(s), the petitioner has though joined investigation but is required for effecting the recovery of money in question. However, learned State counsel has further submitted that the petitioner has not misused the concession of interim bail.

4. Learned senior counsel appearing for complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner by arguing that there are direct and serious allegations against the petitioner. Learned counsel has submitted that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of anticipatory bail, there is all likelihood that she may abscond from the process of justice as also interfere with the investigation/witness. On the strength of these submissions, the dismissal of the petition in hand is entreated for.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially in lieu of the allegation made; the petitioner having joined the investigation and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not sought for by the State, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 25.04.2024.

6. In view of the above, the interim order dated 25.04.2024 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be



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confined to the FIR mentioned ibid and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

8. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

9. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

March 10, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No