



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

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CRM-M-20644-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.05.2026

VIDIA @ VIDYA DEVI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. KS Brar, Advocate for the complainant.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS, 2023, for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.59, dated 04.03.2026, under Section 318(4) BNS, registered at Police Station Canal Colony, District Bathinda.

2. On 17.04.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel contends that the petitioner is 68 years old and stated to have taken Rs.1,27,500/- for daily needs as is reflected in the FIR and vide Annexure P-2, which returned Rs.4,18,550/- including interest vide online transaction, Annexure P-3. It is a case of money dispute and recovery. However, the agreement to sell was not ever executed. She is not involved in any other case and she is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating agency and will cooperate.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Mr. K. S. Brar, Advocate appears on behalf of the complainant and made their respective submissions in opposition.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 24.04.2026. In the event of her arrest, she shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 482(2) BNSS.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

Adjourned to 04.05.2026.”

3. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, she shall make herself available without demur.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. She also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 17.04.2026 granting interim bail to her, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
6. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to her.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

04.05.2026

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