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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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Date of decision: 18.05.2026

Parvesh Rani

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and anr.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Japjit Singh Johal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The present revision petition has been filed against the judgment dated 16.04.2026 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur vide which the appeal preferred by the accused-petitioner (CRA-312-2019) against the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 15.06.2019) passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Mukerian has been dismissed.

2. The present FIR came to be registered on the basis of an application moved by Jasvir Singh, Dinesh Kumar, Sarwan Kumar and Des Raj wherein the allegations were levelled against Travel Agent Manjit Singh and Parvesh Rani (petitioner) for committing cheating with them on the pretext of sending them abroad i.e. Kuwait. The above-mentioned persons paid a total amount of Rs.4,00,000/- each to Manjit Singh and Parvesh Rani

on account of medical fees, immigration fees, Visas and tickets. However,



they had been provided forged visas and forged tickets. When they asked them (Manjit Singh and Parvesh Rani) to return their passports and money, they only returned their passports but the amount was not returned. An application was moved against Manjit Singh and Parvesh Rani. Thereafter, the matter was compromised and an agreement dated 25.09.2013 was executed wherein the date to return the money was fixed as 25.11.2013 but the same was not returned till then.

3. Though, petitioner/Parvesh Rani was arrested, but Manjit Singh was declared a proclaimed person. On completion of the investigation, challan under Sections 406, 420 IPC was presented against Parvesh Rani. Later on, accused-Manjit Singh was also arrested.

4. On conclusion of the Trial, the accused-petitioner/Parvesh Rani alongwith co-accused/Manjit Singh came to be convicted and sentenced vide a judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 15.06.2019 passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Mukerian as under:-

Name of the convicts	Offence under Sections	Sentence RI	Fine	SI in default of payment of fine
Parvesh Rani	420 IPC	Two Years	Rs.3,000/-	01 month
Manjit Singh	420 IPC	Two Years	Rs.3,000/-	01 month

5. Aggrieved against the aforesaid judgment of conviction and order of sentence, the petitioner-Parvesh Rani and co-convict/Manjit Singh filed two separate appeals i.e. CIS No. CRA/312/2019 (titled as Parvesh Rani versus State of Punjab) and CRA/326/2019 (titled as Manjit Singh versus State of Punjab) which came to be dismissed by the Court of

Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur. As the co-convict/Manjit Singh was



absent, a copy of the judgment dated 16.04.2026 was sent to the Trial Court to procure his presence.

6. The aforementioned judgments dated 15.06.2016 passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Mukerian and the judgment dated 16.04.2026 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur in CRA-312-2019 are under challenge in the present petition.

7. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that during the pendency of the present petition, a compromise has been effected between the parties other than Manjit Singh who is a proclaimed person and as agreed the entire payment has been made to respondent No.2 and other aggrieved persons as full and final settlement. Further, in compliance of the order of the even date, the parties have appeared before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court and a formal settlement has been recorded which has been placed on the record. He further contends that in view of Section 320 Cr.P.C. where a settlement has been effected, the offence under Section 420 IPC can be compounded and the convict can be acquitted of the charges framed against him.

7. The learned counsel for the State and the counsel for respondent No.2 contend that as the matter has been settled between the parties, they have no objection if the prayer of the learned counsel for accused-petitioner for compounding the offence under Section 420 IPC is allowed and the petitioner is acquitted of the charges framed against her.

8. I have heard the learned counsel for both the parties.

9. Under Section 320(8) Criminal Procedure Code the composition of an offence shall have the effect of acquittal of the accused with whom the offence has been compounded.”



10. Since, the parties have voluntarily settled the disputes between themselves, it is a fit case for allowing them to compound the offence.

11. Accordingly, the revision petition is allowed and subject to payment of Rs.25,000/- as costs to be deposited with Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, Chandigarh, Account No.65035682434, SBI High Court Branch, IFSC:-SBIN0050306, the judgment dated 16.04.2026 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur in CRA/312/2019 as well as the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 15.06.2019 passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Mukerian are hereby set aside. The petitioner alone is acquitted of the charge under Section 420 IPC.

12. Since the main petition has been disposed of no order needs to be passed in the pending application(s), if any.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

May 18, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No