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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on:23.03.2026

Deepti

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Petitioner in person.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. 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
Deepti	80	08.03.2025	420, 506, 120-B IPC	City Kharar, District SAS Nagar, Punjab

2. Complainant-Amarjit Singh, got registered the FIR and same reads as under:

“In the year 2011, while studying at GGS,Kharar I became friends with Abhilash. Because of our good friendship, we used to share everything. After our studies ended in 2014, we got busy with our respective work. However, I occasionally remained in contact with Abhilash over the phone.In 2023, Abhilash told me that he works as a government contractor and how has good. connections in government departments. He told me that he could get me a government contract. Believing



him, I gradually gave him around Rs 8 lakhs, some online and some in cash. A few days later, Abhilash introduced me to a woman named Deepti (whom we later came to know is his wife) near Sunny Enclave Tower, and told me that she handles all his work and would help me get a government job. He also told me that the money I had already paid would be adjusted for the job, and I should give the remaining amount. He also asked if I knew anyone else who needed a government job. Believing him, I referred a friend Gurpreet Singh, son of Satpal Singh, resident of Ferozepur, who studied with us in college and needed a job. In 2023, both Gurpreet and I met Abhilash and Deepti, who claimed they would get us a government job in Defence Research and Organisation. The deal was fixed at Rs.20 lakhs for both of us. My friend and I transferred Rs,8.5 lakhs to Deepti's account from different accounts by taking money from relatives. I also gave my wife's credit card with a 280,000 limit, which they spent completely. I gave Rs.10.70 lakhs in cash to Abhilash and Deepti. Out of this, Gurpreet paid 28 lakhs and I paid around Rs.12 lakhs. Gurpreet was temporarily given a job in the said department, but it was a contractual position, not a permanent government job, which he found out from his senior madam. She told him that his contract would soon end. When we confronted Abhilash and Deepti, they claimed she was lying because she wanted to get her own relative hired. When we tried to meet Abhilash and Deepti, they first threatened us and then blocked our numbers and stopped communicating. Please take action to recover the Rs.20 lakhs that were fraudulently taken from us under the pretense of providing a job and initiate legal action against the fraudsters.”

3. As per the allegations, relationship between both sides developed in the year 2011, and on the assurance given by the accused, primarily by petitioner's husband-Abhilash, an amount of ₹20 lakhs was paid to him in cash. It is further alleged that petitioner was also in

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connivance with main accused-Abhilash (petitioner's husband), who has already been released on bail after arrest. As noticed in the order dated 08.05.2025, an amount of ₹2,85,000/- was deposited in the petitioner's bank account, and a sum of ₹1,60,000/- was paid back to the complainant by the petitioner. It is also a matter of record that petitioner's husband has already been granted bail after being subjected to investigation, as he was arrested in the present case by the Investigating Agency.

4. Without commenting on the merits of the case, this Court does not find any substantial reason to subject the petitioner to custodial interrogation. While observing so, this Court is conscious of the fact that petitioner alone cannot be blamed for the allegations levelled in the case. It appears that complainant-Amarjit Singh, may also be equally liable to face consequences if he had paid an amount of ₹20 lakhs or any other sum in exchange for securing a Government or Semi-Government job.

5. With the aforementioned observations, petition is disposed of, and petitioner is directed to join the investigation within two weeks from today. In the event of her arrest, petitioner shall be released on bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. Petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

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.



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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.

6. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 23,2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO