

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

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**CRM-M-56872-2025**  
**Decided on: 23.03.2026**

# Krishna Rani

.....Petitioner

## Versus

## State of Haryana

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH**

Present: Mr. Himanshu Garg, Advocate for  
Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Parveen Kumar Aggarwal, Addl. A.G. Haryana

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**SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.309 dated 10.07.2024, under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/34 IPC, at PS Civil Lines, Sirsa, District Sirsa.

2. On 09.10.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) \*\*\* \*\*\* \*\*\* \*\*\*

(ii) *Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been made an accused in the present case on the allegation that, while furnishing surety for co-accused, namely Sangeet Rani (involved in NDPS case), in order to enable her release on bail, petitioner provided details of land measuring approximately 9 marlas (270 sq. yards). The surety amount was ₹1,00,000/-, whereas the value of the land was shown to be over ₹2,00,000/-. The allegation is that forged signatures were used on the valuation document in place of the actual Tehsildar's, who would have been the competent authority to sign such a*



*report.*

*Learned counsel submits that petitioner, 64-year-old illiterate woman, played no role in affixing any signatures on the valuation document. Furthermore, the allegations and charges are based on documentary evidence, for which custodial interrogation is neither necessary nor would it serve any meaningful purpose.*

*Counsel further submits that co-accused, Sangeeta Rani, has already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 25.09.2025 passed in CRM-M-34840-2025. Moreover, petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation, provided she is granted protection from arrest.*

*(iii) Notice of motion.*

*On advance notice, Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State. He seeks some time to file reply.*

*(iv) Adjourned to 13.01.2026*

*(v) In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of her arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail, subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

*(vi) 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.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 09.10.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions, confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.



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6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 09.10.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.
7. The 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.
8. However, present order would be subject to the submission of her passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if she possesses, within a period of one week from today. Otherwise, she would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that she does not possess any passport.
9. It is clarified that in case, aforesaid condition is not complied with, this order would be considered as *non est* automatically.

23.03.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)  
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned:  
Whether Reportable:

YES/~~NO~~  
~~YES~~/NO