



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-59232-2025
Date of decision: 16.03.2026

SONIA @ SONIA RANI

.....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. S.P.S. Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shubham Thakur, Advocate for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of pre-arrest bail in case bearing FIR No. 137 dated 22.09.2025 registered under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Satnampura, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 17.10.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation and she is no longer required for investigation of the

case.

Learned State counsel on instruction from concerned Investigating Officer corroborates the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant contends that the transaction was a result of fraud since the cheques were purportedly issued against an account which did not exist and a bogus transaction was executed. He, however, is not in a position to make any specific reference to the role of the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is the wife of the General of Power Attorney holder.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

It remains undisputed that the entire transaction is based on documentary evidence and the State already have the entire material in their possession and do not require custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and her custodial interrogation is not required, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 17.10.2025 is made absolute.

However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 482 (2) BNSS.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MARCH 16, 2026
Vishal Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No