



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-65070-2025
Date of decision: 20.01.2026

KANWALJIT KAUR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

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

Present: - Mr. Abhijeet Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rituraj Singh, DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 107 dated 13.12.2024, registered under Section(s) 318(4), 316(2) of BNS (Sections 336, 338, 336(2), 340 of BNS have been added later on) at Police Station Phase- 8, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

2. The FIR in the present case has been registered on the basis of statement of Mandeep Singh son of Makhan Singh which reads thus:-

Sir, that a woman named Lakhvir Kaur, mobile numbers 7657878777 and 7626918302, resident of Burj Sahib Gurdwara Dhaliwal, District Gurdaspur, came into contact with us through Kanwaljit Kaur, who works in the Punjab Board,

Mohali. Kanwaljit Kaur told us that she had settled many people abroad in the United States and said that if anyone was interested, they could inform her. She also mentioned that with the blessings of Baba Malik, the matter would be settled and that we could consider our jobs in Punjab as confirmed. We were influenced by her words and came to trust her. This matter pertains to the year 2023. Acting upon her assurances, we deposited money as per her instructions into her accounts-one being account number 086899600010990 in S Bank, Dhaliwal Branch, District Gurdaspur, and another being Bank of India account number 635210110002612. She had promised that she would arrange our permanent residency (PR) in the United States within six months. During this time, we continued meeting her in Mohali, and she kept telling us to wait as the process was taking time. Later, when we began to suspect her intentions because we neither received any messages nor further updates from her, we told her that we no longer wished to go abroad and asked her to return our money. She then said she would get us government jobs in Punjab instead, so we waited again. When nothing happened, we became certain that we had been cheated. We repeatedly requested her to return our money, and she said she would transfer the entire amount back into our accounts within two months. We waited again, but later we discussed this matter with some acquaintances, who informed us that our this woman named Kanwaljit was cheating people by offering fake promises of PR in America and was sending forged messages. When the messages were checked, they were found to be fake. Then we went to her house, where we met a man who said he was her son, but after asking around in the neighbourhood, we came to know that he was actually her brother. Later, one day we read in the newspaper that this woman had cheated a jeweller in Sector 17, Chandigarh, and that an FIR No. 77 dated 29.04.2024 had been registered against her under Sections 406, 420, and 411, and that she is presently lodged in Burail Jail. The person staying at her house

is Jaspreet, mobile number 7087462582, who used to live with her all the time. He is also a witness that we had met Kanwaljit. We further wish to bring to your attention that Kanwaljit told Satpal Bangar that the entire amount would be credited to his account and that he would have to refund everyone through cheques, but she never gave any money to Satpal. She possesses illegal property, which should be sealed. It is also brought to your notice that even though Kanwaljit is in jail, messages are still being received from her number 7626918302, saying that she will complete our work. We request that our money be returned. This woman has cheated many people and has accumulated property worth crores through fraud, ruining our lives. We have come to you with great hope and request that you kindly help us recover our money. It has also come to light that several cases are already registered against her, and that some employees of the Punjab School Education Board, Mohali, are involved with her.

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that as per the allegations set out against the petitioner, she is stated to have allured the complainant to migrate to United States of America. He contends that on her failure to find a way out, she is alleged to have assured a Govt. Job. The payment in question is stated to have been made in the account of the petitioner by the respondents in the year 2023. It is submitted that the petitioner was arrested on 20.01.2025 and has already undergone an actual custody of nearly 01 year as on date. It is further submitted that there are 19 witnesses cited by the prosecution and only 02 witnesses have been examined so far. It is contended that even though the petitioner is nominated as an accused in other cases, however, of the other cases registered against her, she has already been granted concession of bail while she stands acquitted in 01 case. He further contends that the petitioner is a women and

the offence is triable by the Court of Sessions which shall take considerable time in its conclusion. She would not be subjected to incarceration at the preliminary stage on account of the alleged fraud committed by her.

4. Counsel for the respondent-State has filed the status report by way of an affidavit of Harsimran Singh Bal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City-II, District SAS Nagar on behalf of respondent-State in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

5. Learned State Counsel on the other hand, however, contends that the petitioner has succeeded in fooling gullible people on the pretext of sending them abroad and also on the pretext of securing Govt. Job for them. He, however, does not dispute that the petitioner is on bail in eight cases and already stands acquitted in 01 case and that she has undergone an actual custody of nearly 01 year in the present case. The stage of the trial is also not disputed.

6. Having heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and taking into consideration that the concession of bail has already been granted to the petitioner in other cases, and that she has undergone an actual custody of nearly 01 year in the present case whereas 19 witnesses are yet to be examined. Only 02 witnesses have been examined in the present case, hence, the trial shall take long time to conclude, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.
9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

JANUARY 20, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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