



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-72196-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.03.2026

Suman Sharma

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of U.T. Chandigarh

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Simardeep Singh Bedi, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Tarun Vir Singh Lehal, Addl. PP for U.T. Chandigarh with
ASI Palwinder Singh.

Mr. Dhawal Bhandari, Advocate for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No. 87 dated 03.07.2025 for offence(s) under Sections 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Sector-39, Chandigarh.

2. Separate replies on behalf of respondent-UT Chandigarh as well as the complainant, have been filed today in the Court and the same are taken on record. Copies thereof have been furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioner(s).

3. When the present case had come up for hearing before this Court on 22.12.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner is a housewife and the allegations, at best, are against her husband, who received money from the complainant for investment into the business. He further contends that the petitioner thus cannot be said to have allured the complainant into transferring any money for further investment. He further contends that at best it was a case of a joint investment and the issue would pertain to rendition of accounts instead of registration of a criminal case under Section 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. He further contends that there is one other case, wherein similar allegations have been levelled against the husband of the petitioner and the petitioner had also been roped in as an accused and that she has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail in the said case as well. He submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called for and to extend all cooperation to the Investigating Agency.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Tarun Vir Singh Lahal, Addl. P.P., U.T. Chandigarh enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent-U.T. Chandigarh and prays for some time to complete instructions and file reply, if so advised.

Adjourned to 10.03.2026.

Reply, if any, be filed on or before the adjourned date with copy in advance to the learned counsel opposite.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Agency. In the event of the petitioner joining the investigation, she shall be admitted to interim bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on her furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner(s) shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) of 2023.”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 22.12.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner(s) has joined investigation and her custodial interrogation is no longer required for investigation of the case.

5. Learned Addl. PP for U.T. Chandigarh on instruction from the Investigating Officer, contends that this is the only FIR that has been registered against the petitioner and that she has already joined the investigation and no recovery is to be effected from her.

6. Counsel for the complainant, however, vehemently contends that the complainant has been cheated of a huge amount by husband of the petitioner and a large number of cases have been registered against them. He however does not dispute that the Investigating Agency does not seek

custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

- 7. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
- 8. Under the given circumstances, the present petition is ***allowed*** and the interim order dated 22.12.2025 is made absolute.

10.03.2026

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE