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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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Date of Decision: 23.04.2026.**

Chhavi Sharma

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Naresh Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Chhavi Sharma, aged 40 years, has filed this petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.287 dated 27.10.2024 under Sections 420, 406 IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulations) Act, registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, Sangrur.

2. Petitioner-Chhavi Sharma along with her husband Arvind Kumar is facing allegations that on giving assurance to complainant-Pawanjit Singh for sending his son to Australia, an amount of Rs.16 Lakhs was taken and thereupon the fake VISA and other relevant documents were supplied to the complainant.

3. Without arguing much on merits, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that out of the questioned amount of Rs.16 Lakhs, partial amount of Rs.5 Lakhs has been returned back to the complainant. However,



an amount of Rs.11 Lakhs more, as per allegations, is due to be paid. Counsel further submits that petitioner is a woman and is confined in jail for the last 01 year, 03 months and 20 days, wherein offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate and the co-accused Arvind Kumar (husband of the petitioner) has already been ordered to be released on bail vide order dated 13.04.2026 passed by the Court of learned Area Magistrate.

4. Regarding the involvement of the petitioner in several other cases, counsel submits that she has already been granted bail vide orders dated 11.10.2023 passed by learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (Annexures P-3 and P-4), order dated 10.09.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Kurukshetra (Annexure P-5), and now submitted order dated 14.11.2025 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-55391-2025, order dated 27.11.2025 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-65408-2025 and order dated 12.12.2025 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-64814-2025, copies of which have been produced in Court, which are taken on record.

5. I have considered the submissions of petitioner's counsel as well as learned State counsel to the effect that petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in total 12 cases of similar nature and thereupon find that all the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate and the petitioner, who is a woman, has specific privileges under Section 480(1) of the BNSS, 2023 of BNS, already she remained inside jail for a period of more than 01 year and 03 months and the said fact is not under dispute. In seven of the cases, she has been granted bail as referred by her counsel. Therefore, until the charges are proved beyond doubt, petitioner cannot be detained in jail for indefinite period as conclusion of trial would consume considerable time.



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6. Considering the above said circumstances in totality, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Consequently, the present petition is **allowed**. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/ surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. Needless to observe that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

8. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

9. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

10. **Petition stands disposed of accordingly.**

Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of accordingly.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

23.04.2026

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