

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-7291 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 06.07.2015

Virpal Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

**CORAM:-HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.**

Present:- Mr. Ankur Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil K. Chopra, D.A.G., Punjab.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J**

This order shall dispose of the instant petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C praying for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.354 dated 27.12.2014 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B I.P.C(offence under section 302 I.P.C added later on 28.12.2014 qua two accused namely Amandeep Kaur and Ramesh Kumar), registered at Police Station, City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

While issuing notice of motion, following order was passed by this Court on 9.3.2015:-

*“The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C seeking the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.354 dated 27.12.2014, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC (Offence under Section 302 IPC added later on 28.12.2014 qua two accused, namely, Amandeep Kaur and Ramesh Kumar), registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.*

*Counsel would submit that the deceased is Sukhwinder Singh and the allegations made by the father of the deceased are that his daughter-in-law i.e. co-accused Amandeep Kaur was having illicit relations with one Ramesh Kumar. Insofar as the present petitioner is concerned, who is*

*32 years old lady and is serving as a Sales Manager with the Exide Life Insurance Company, the only allegation is that she had allegedly acted in connivance with Ramesh Kumar, who was also working in the capacity of an advisor to draw out one forged insurance policy in the name of the deceased Sukhwinder Singh. Counsel would contend that in any case the said insurance policy was never sanctioned.*

*Notice of motion, returnable for 6.7.2015.*

*In the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall remain bound by the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.”*

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Gurdial Singh would apprise the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation. However, he would oppose the prayer made in the instant petition by submitting that the petitioner is not cooperating inasmuch as the requisite documents pertaining to the alleged forged insurance policy in the name of the deceased Sukhwinder Singh are not being produced by the present petitioner.

Counsel appearing for the petitioner would, however, join issue and would submit that after registration of the F.I.R, the petitioner, who was earlier serving as a Sales Manager with the Exide Life Insurance Company has since resigned from the service.

That apart, it has gone uncontroverted that the insurance policy in question and with regard to which there were allegations against the present petitioner has since been cancelled. Clearly, the policy having been cancelled there was no occasion for the same to have matured and to fructify to the benefit of any person.

It is also the conceded position of fact that co-accused Parkash Chand, Jeevan Jyoti and Veer Singh against whom there were similar allegations and who were stated to be working in the capacity of Advisor Policy Sales Manager and Branch Manager of Exide Life Insurance Company respectively, have been granted the benefit of regular bail by this Court in CRM Nos. M-8609 of 2015, M-8781 of 2015 and M-10689 of 2015 respectively.

In the totality of circumstances and in the light of observations contained in the notice of motion order, passed by this Court, I am of the considered view that the petitioner is entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail and her custodial interrogation, as such, would not be warranted.

Accordingly, present petition is allowed. Order dated 9.3.2015, passed by this Court is made absolute.

Disposed of.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**  
**JUDGE**

**06.07.2015**  
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