

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

CRM-M No.2990 of 2016

Date of Decision:-23.02.2016

Balwinder Kaur Chhabra.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Ms. Satinder Kaur, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
assisted by ASI Krishan Kumar.

Mr. Aakash Singla, Advocate for the Complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J (ORAL)

Prayer is under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner Balwinder Kaur Chhabra in case FIR No.94 dated 24.08.2015 for offences punishable under Sections 494, 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code (Section 495 IPC added later on) registered with Police Station Kot Isse Khan, District Moga.

As per the allegations petitioner-accused along with her co-accused husband Sukhwant Rai Chhabra are involved in the racket of receiving huge amounts of money for conducting the marriage of accused Priya Chhabra, a resident of New Zealand, with prospective bridegrooms on

the allurement of taking them to New Zealand. The grand son of the complainant is also one of such victims, with whom Priya is alleged to have solemnized second marriage without disclosing the existence of the previous marriage.

Be that as it may, petitioner is in custody since 24.08.2015 and after submission of challan the case is now at the stage of recording of the prosecution evidence. It is further submitted that the co-accused Sukhwant Rai Chhabra has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 04.04.2016.

Learned State Counsel assisted by ASI Krishan Kumar does not dispute the factual position qua the period of incarceration as also the stage of trial as well as grant of bail to the co-accused Sukhwant Rai Chhabra.

Without going into the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future and parity of treatment, present petition is allowed and the petitioner Balwinder Kaur Chhabra is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, Moga.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

February 23, 2016
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