

**Sr. No. 216
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM No. M-35918 of 2015
Date of Decision: 22.01.2016**

Navneet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. H.S.Randhawa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.

This order shall dispose of the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking benefit of regular bail to the petitioner pending trial in case FIR No.121 dated 16.05.2015, under Sections 395/412/342/323/120-B of Indian Penal Code read with Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Tripri Town, Patiala, District Patiala.

FIR was registered on the statement of Darshan Singh who is working as Manager with Muthoot Finance Corporation Limited, Branch Preet Nagar, Tripri, Patiala. Occurrence is stated to be of 06.05.2015. Complainant stated that at about 4.30 p.m. while he was working in his cabin, the present petitioner as also co-accused Venus Sharma who were employees with the Finance Corporation were sitting on their respective seats and working.

Some unidentified persons were stated to have entered the premises and on the threat of putting a pistol on the forehead of

the complainant, he was locked inside a bathroom. The mouths of present petitioner and Venus Sharma were also stated to have been taped. Keys of strong room were taken from the petitioner and Venus Sharma and gold weighing around 11 Kg.260 gram and a total cash of Rs.2,50,000/- approximately was taken away.

Petitioner was arrested on 17.05.2015.

Apparently, the complainant has suffered a supplementary statement on 16.05.2015 wherein he has voiced a suspicion that the present petitioner as also Venus Sharma are involved in the occurrence.

Insofar as the present petitioner is concerned, prosecution is relying upon a confessional statement suffered by her in which she has named the main accused, namely, Gaurav Singla and with whom she was friendly and she has confessed in having joined a plan to execute the robbery. Even as per such confessional statement, petitioner is stated to have played a passive role and remained quiet. It has gone uncontroverted that the entire loot i.e. entire weight of gold and currency already stands recovered between 17.05.2015 to 19.05.2015.

The petitioner is a young girl, aged 26 years. Investigation in the case is complete and even challan stands presented.

The trial as such would take time to conclude.

In view of the above and keeping in view that the prosecution is relying upon the petitioners own confessional statement, she is held entitled to the benefit of bail. Petitioner be

enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial
Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Patiala.

Disposed of.

22.01.2016

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE