

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-36857 of 2016

Date of Decision: 21.10.2016

Simranpreet Kaur @ Simmi @ Lovepreet Kaur

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. G.S. Bhatia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sultan Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.154 dated 31.5.2004 under Sections 379, 411, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegation against the petitioner is that she has conspired with the main accused to commit theft of a car. Learned counsel states that co-accused of the petitioner namely Randeep Kumar @ Vijay Gopi has been acquitted by the trial Court. He further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 5.2.2016 and trial in the case is at the initial stage, as only charge has been framed, therefore, petitioner be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel does not dispute the contentions raised on behalf of the petitioner. However, he states that the petitioner was present at the time of committing theft.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Admittedly, the co-accused of the petitioner has been acquitted and the petitioner is also ready to face trial. Therefore, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 5.2.2016, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to furnishing of his bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

However, it is made clear that the petitioner shall not influence prosecution witnesses and shall not hamper the proceedings or tamper with the record in any manner.

Needless to say that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as any expression on the merits of the case.

October 21, 2016
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No