

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM No. M-38068 of 2016

Date of decision:- December 21, 2016

SONU DEVI @ VIDYA DEVI @ GHOTI

....PETITIONER..

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT..

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

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

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (Oral)

Through instant petition preferred under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short, "Cr.P.C."), petitioner has sought concession of bail during pendency of trial, in case FIR No.508, dated 10.08.2015, under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

2. Concededly, the petitioner was arrested in this case on 24.01.2016 and after subjecting her to custodial interrogation, she was remanded to judicial lock-up. Meaning thereby, she was no more required for further interrogation/investigation.

3. As per the case of prosecution, a sale deed was executed by way of impersonation in favour of one Kamla Bai and the petitioner is alleged to have impersonated as one of the vendors. The co-accused of the petitioner, Vidhya Devi @ Adhya, who is similarly situated has already

been granted the concession of bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 02.08.2016 passed in CRM-M-17420-2016. Moreover, Kamla Bai, who can be termed to be a beneficiary has already been arrested and is now behind the bars. On conclusion of investigation, challan has already been presented before the Id. Jurisdictional Magistrate. Disposal of challan is likely to take sufficient long time. Thus, this Court is of the considered view that it would not be desirable to keep the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period.

4. Taking into consideration the aforesaid aspects but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, during pendency of trial, at the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

December 21, 2016
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No