

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

**C.R.M-M No.6072 of 2016
Date of Decision : 22.07.2016**

Reena Mehta

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Tarun Vir Singh Lehal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG, Punjab.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This is a petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.304 dated 16.12.2008 registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station Islamabad, District Amritsar.

By order dated 19.02.2016 this Court had granted interim bail and directed the petitioner to join investigation.

On 11.04.2016 the following order was passed:-

“Learned State counsel, on the instructions of ASI Manjit Singh informs that though the petitioner has joined the investigation but certain other informations and documents are required to be taken into possession.

Adjourned to 22.7.2016.

Interim order to continue subject to petitioner again joining investigation, as and when required by the investigating agency.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has again joined the investigation. She has no other information and she is un-necessarily being sought to be arrested in this case which is 8 years old.

Learned Additional Advocate General, on instructions from ASI Majjit Singh accepts the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required for custodial interrogation.

In these circumstances, I do not deem it appropriate to deny anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Resultantly, the petition is allowed. The interim order dated 19.02.2016 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer on 29.07.2016 and on any other date as and when her presence is required. In case the petitioner does not appear before the investigating officer in the aforesaid manner the present petition would be deemed to have been dismissed.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE