

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

CRM-M -2565 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.03.2017

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate for
Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab.
assisted by HC Jaswinder Singh.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By filing the present 2nd petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought anticipatory bail in FIR No.55 dated 05.06.2016, registered under Sections 381 and 120-B of IPC, at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar. The first petition was dismissed as withdrawn to approach the Sessions Court, vide order dated 28.12.2016.

It is contended that in pursuance of the order dated 22.02.2017, the petitioner has joined the investigation. Similarly placed persons, namely Parveen, Ruth @ Mauli and Narinder Kumar have been admitted to bail by this Court. The petitioner is a maid in the hospital run by the complainant which was raided by the Income

Tax Department and an approximate amount of Rs.16 crore was recovered from the complainant. The complainant is not seen in the CCTV footage. He further submits that at the time of entering the hospital and at the time of making exit from the hospital, all the employees are frisked by the security deployed by the management.

The learned State counsel, on instructions submits that though the petitioner has joined the investigation, however, she is not cooperating.

Considering the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 20.02.2017, is made absolute, subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The petition stands allowed.

22.03.2017

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable:	Yes	No