

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

CRM-M No.27036 of 2017

Date of Decision : 31.08.2017

Ramandeep Kaur @ Raman

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short, 'the Cr.P.C.') for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.179 dated 15th July, 2016 registered under Sections 370 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for short, 'the IPC'), at Police Station Division No.7, District Jalandhar, on behalf of the petitioner-Dr. Ramandeep Kaur @ Raman. Her case is virtually on an identical footing with co-accused-Dr. Reena, whose similar second bail application was rejected by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 28th of March, 2017 in ***CRM-M No.1421 of 2017-Reena Vs. State of Punjab***. However, while passing that order, the Co-ordinate Bench had

also directed the Ld. Trial Court to conclude the trial preferably within a period of four months.

It is now submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the trial is still in its early stages although the time limit referred to in the earlier order has elapsed.

Considering the gravity of the offence involved in the case, this Court is not inclined to allow the prayer for bail at this stage, which is accordingly, rejected.

However, the Ld. Trial Court is directed to endeavour to complete the evidence of the private/non-official witnesses in the case within a period of one month from the date of communication of this order, after which the petitioner would be at liberty to approach this Court again for similar relief along with statements of the private witnesses.

August 31, 2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No