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

CRM-M-35799 of 2017

Date of decision: October 03, 2017

Saweena Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. Umesh Narang, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG Punjab.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in FIR No.11 dated 23.08.2017, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 13(1)(D), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Phase-1, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Following are the allegations against the petitioner:-

“Many of the case properties, which were entrusted to her, especially the case property of FIR No.64/2015 of P.S. Jalandhar City and 98 bottles of liquor and burnt wood have been found to be destroyed or misappropriated, which was marked by Dr. Harjinder Singh to the accused/applicant Saveena Sharma analyst. Moreover there are specific allegations that she had analyzed only four samples and for remaining samples, she had mentioned the degree on the basis of four samples and as

such there are very serious allegations against her.”

Petitioner was arrested on 06.09.2017. Investigation is not completed. Looking to the nature of offence alleged to be committed by the petitioner and the period spent by her in jail as under trial, I think she should be given the benefit of grant of bail being a woman.

In that view of the matter, this petition is allowed. Petitioner shall be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. Petitioner shall not tamper, influence and threaten the prosecution witnesses and complainant as well.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

October 03, 2017

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No