

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-15733 OF 2018
DATE OF DECISION : 26TH APRIL, 2018

Priya Verma

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab

.... Respondent

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

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Present : Mr. K. S. Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H. S. Grewal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)

This is second petition by the petitioner for regular bail in case FIR No.44 dated 03.03.2016 registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The petitioner, who is a woman, has filed this second petition for regular bail since the earlier petition for bail was not entertained by this Court.

The petitioner was arrested on 10.06.2016 and she is in jail since then. The case is triable by Magistrate. Three witnesses said to have been examined and the cross-examination is yet to be completed. The petitioner is in jail for the last two years. The Magistrate has power to impose sentence up to three years.

It is true that the petitioner Priya Verma and her husband indulged in cheating the people with fake jewellery. Be that as it may. In the light of the detention period undergone by the petitioner as under trial, the petitioner who is a woman would be entitled to grant of benefit of Section 437 Cr.P.C. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner particularly because she is woman.

In that view of the matter, I make following order:

ORDER

- (i) CRL. MISC. No.M-15733 OF 2018 is allowed.
- (ii) Bail to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate.
- (iii) The petitioner to surrender her passport with the trial Court, if she possesses the same.

26TH APRIL, 2018
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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>