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

CRM-M-19429 of 2018

Date of decision: May 29, 2018

Priya Verma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

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

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG Punjab.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

By way of this second petition, petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in FIR No.106 dated 15.06.2016, under Sections 406/420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Status report by way of affidavit of Ravinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur filed by the learned State counsel, today in Court, is taken on record.

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has filed this second petition for regular bail since the earlier petition for bail was ordered to be dismissed as withdrawn, vide order dated 14.12.2016 by this Court.

The petitioner was arrested on 15.06.2016 and she is in jail since then. The case is triable by the Magistrate. The petitioner is in

jail for the last more than one year.

It is true that the petitioner 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, and the petitioner being a woman, would be entitled to grant of benefit of Section 437 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner particularly because she is a woman.

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

ORDER

- (i) **CRM-M-19429 of 2018** is allowed;
- (ii) The petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate;
- (iii) The petitioner shall not tamper, influence and threaten the prosecution witnesses and complainant as well;
- (iv) The petitioner shall deposit her passport, if she possesses, with the trial Court.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

May 29, 2018

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No