

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22273-2017
Date of decision:23.1.2018

Payal Bhatia

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vishavjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.52 dated 6.3.2008 under Sections 279, 338, 427, 337, 468, 471, 472 IPC registered at Police Station Sultanwind, District Amritsar.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was granted concession of bail by the learned trial Court but due to some unavoidable circumstances she could not join the proceedings on 22.2.2017 and thereafter she surrendered in the Court and

applied for regular bail but same has been rejected by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar on 18.4.2017. It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 19.5.2017 and case is going on for prosecution evidence and no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner on the point that the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender in the year 2008.

Be that as it may, the petitioner herself has surrendered before the trial Court and she is ready to continuously join the proceedings before the trial Court. The petitioner remained in judicial custody for approximately more than eight months.

The conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time, hence no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any more. Therefore, in view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is accepted. Petitioner-Payal Bhatia be admitted to bail on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court / CJM, Amritsar.

**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

23.1.2018
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| 1. | Whether reportable? | No |
| 2. | Whether reasoned / speaking? | No |