

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

**CRM-M-49673-2018  
Date of decision: 20.12.2018**

**Sonia @ Baljinder Kaur**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present:- Mr. B. P. S. Gill, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. J. S. Lalli, Advocate  
for the complainant.

**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 299 dated 17.10.2018, registered under Sections 381 and 34 of the IPC at Police Station Model Town, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

The operative part of the order dated 13.11.2018, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is reproduced below:

**“Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per the allegations in the FIR, the co-accused of the petitioner namely Kamaljit Kaur, has made a confession before the complainant that the petitioner is also involved in the theft of clothes from the shop of the complainant. It is further submitted that on 06.11.2018, while granting interim anticipatory bail to the co-accused of the petitioner namely Kamaljit Kaur, the following order has been passed by this Court in CRM-M No.49548 of 2018 on 06.11.2018:-**

**“....Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, the petitioner was working as an employee with the complainant and on 06.10.2018, when the**

**petitioner was going to leave the shop, wife of the complainant searched her and 05 ladies suits were recovered, which she has concealed in her garments. It is further stated in the FIR that later on, the complainant sent one of his employee to the house of the petitioner, where 60 more suits were recovered. Learned counsel further submits that there is a dispute regarding payment of emoluments and present FIR has been registered as a counter-blast to the same. Notice of motion for 13.12.2018....”**

**Counsel for the petitioner has further argued that the petitioner, in fact, has served domestic help to the complainant and there is no direct evidence against the petitioner. Notice of motion for 13.12.2018. ”**

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, in pursuance to the order dated 13.11.2018, has already appeared before the SHO/Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Sudarshan Kumar, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has not disputed the factual position and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and she is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 13.11.2018, is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**December 20, 2018**

*Waseem Ansari*

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned*

*Yes/No*

*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*