

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
208**

CRM-M NO.49866 OF 2017

DATE OF DECISION: JANUARY 18, 2018

Ribaka @ Rebecca

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. D. K. Bhatti, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr.DAG, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present petition for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.250, dated 13.11.2017, registered under Sections 420 IPC, Section 24 of Immigration Act, Section 12 of Passport Act and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act, 2014, at Police Station Police Station Division No.7, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is only an employee and was sitting on the counter for collecting documents, which were submitted by the persons who had come to the office of M/s G.M.Consultancy. He also contends that the petitioner is not a real beneficiary. She was merely doing her duty and was not aware of the conduct of the owners. Counsel further contends that the petitioner is a lady

and, therefore, she may be granted the concession of regular bail.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Narinder Mohan, Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar, disputes the fact that the petitioner is an employee, rather she is a partner and was hand in glove with other co-accused and has been collecting money. There is an allegation that she had received an amount of ₹1.5 lacs.

Be that as it may, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody for more than two months and challan has already been presented, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar.

**January 18, 2018
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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No