

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

**CRM-M-9678-2020
Decided on : 08.05.2020**

Kamaljit Kaur

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. H.S. Deol, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Pardeep Kumar.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 053, dated 07.04.2019, under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has *inter alia* submitted that the petitioner, who is a lady has been behind bars for almost 05 months. Further, a perusal of the FIR in question clearly reveals that no specific allegations have been levelled against her. It is thus very evident that she has been arrayed as an accused only because she happened to be the wife of the main accused – Navjot Singh. It has been further contended that she is confined in the Central Jail, Patiala, where one COVID-19 positive case too has been found. Hence, she be granted the concession of regular bail due to the prevailing outbreak of COVID-19 and also because the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future.

Learned State counsel on the other hand has opposed the prayer

for grant of regular bail to the petitioner. However, she has been unable to

controvert the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner that no specific role has been attributed to her in the FIR in question.

Heard.

Having considered the submissions made by either side, the petitioner has been admittedly behind bars for almost 05 months. Hence, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars, as the trial would take a considerable time to conclude. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 08, 2020

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*