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

CRM-M-22537-2020(O&M)

Date of decision : 15.09.2020

Manjeet Kaur

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.Vimal Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks regular bail pending trial in FIR No.134 dated 03.05.2019, under Section 365 IPC (Sections 364-A/387 IPC added later on) and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Ladwa, District Kurukshetra.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the allegations that uncle of the complainant namely Vinod Kumar was abducted on 03.05.2019 and taken to Ponta Sahib and a ransom amount of Rs. 5,50,000/- was demanded.

Apparently Vinod Kumar was recovered from a car along with co-accused Randeep Singh and Shailender Singh.

Present petitioner happens to be the wife of Randeep Singh and who is stated to have expired in custody on 11.09.2020.

Even as per prosecution version Vinod Kumar (victim) had been taken to a hotel in Ponta Sahib and where from CCTV footage has been collected and which does not record the presence of the present petitioner.

Even though prayer for bail has been opposed on the ground that petitioner is a habitual offender and involved in two other FIRs yet it has gone uncontroverted that in one case petitioner has already been acquitted and in the second case i.e. FIR No.233 dated 26.09.2015, under Sections 323, 342, 382, 384, 388, 420, 506, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Vikas Nagar, Dehradun, Utrakhand petitioner has been granted benefit of bail.

Petitioner was arrested on 09.10.2019.

Investigation of the case is complete and the challan was presented.

Charges have been framed against the accused. Out of 26 prosecution witnesses cited only three have been examined till date.

Trial as such would take time to conclude.

Petitioner is a lady and has already suffered incarceration for a period of 11 months approximately.

Without making any observation on merits, the petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate,

Kurukshetra.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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