

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

CRM-M- 22475 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision : August 13, 2020

Malkit Kaur

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.... RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. R.K. Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Additional Advocate General,
Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J.

CRM-19459-2020

The application is ordered. Exemption is granted as prayed for. Annexures P-1 to P-4 are taken on record.

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The petitioner is one of the accused in FIR No. 301 dated 19.07.2020 on the file of Police Station Sadar, Mansa, registered under Sections 384, 342, 420, 506 and 120-B IPC. By way of this petition, she seeks anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C.

The petitioner is aged about 71 years. She is alleged to have locked the door of the room in which the complainant and Chint Kaur, a

co-accused, were seated, for the purposes of extortion.

Given the age of the petitioner and the limited allegation levelled against her, this Court is of the opinion that it would suffice if she joins the investigation and cooperates with the police. Her custodial interrogation at this point of time, given the prevailing situation caused by COVID-19 Pandemic, would not be desirable.

The petition is accordingly allowed. The petitioner is directed to forthwith join investigation in FIR No. 301 dated 19.07.2020 on the file of Police Station Sadar, Mansa. In the event of her arrest in connection with the said case, she shall be released on bail upon her furnishing a personal bond for a sum of ₹20,000/- along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. She shall also abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

August 13, 2020
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(Sanjay Kumar)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No