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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23035 OF 2020
DATE OF DECISION: 15.12.2020

Suman Lata **…Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab **…Respondent**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Amitabh Tewari, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V. G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.0051 dated 15.07.2020, registered under Sections 420/120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Garhidiwal, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant toorder dated 18.08.2020 passed by this Court, the petitioner,without prejudice to her rights, has deposited an amount of Rs.60,000/- with the Investigating Officer. He further submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and her further custodial interrogation is not required. On merits, he argues that petitioner is a housewife and has been falsely implicated in the case for exerting collateral pressure. She has no role, what so ever, overt or covert, in the transaction under investigation.

3. Learned State counsel, per instructions from ASI Satwinder Singh, submits that petitioner has joined the investigation andrendered her co-

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operation therein. He also does not controvert the aforesaid submission regarding deposit of Rs.60,000/- with the Investigating Officer.

4. In view of the above, since petitioner has already joined the investigationand even deposited the amount under question, her custodial interrogation is not required. In the premise, the instant petition is allowed. Orderdated 18.08.2020 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby madeabsolute, subject to the petitioner's complying with the provisions under Section438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

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