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

**CRM-M No.50749 of 2019
Date of Decision: 29.01.2020**

VEENA

.....Petitioner

vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.16 dated 09.10.2019 registered under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 13(1)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

At the time of notice of motion, following order was passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 29.11.2019:-

“Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.16 dated 09.10.2019 under Sections 409, 420,465,467,468,471 IPC and Section 13 (1) (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Allegations in the FIR are that four teachers were employed by the National Model Middle School, Patti in the year 1985-1986. They all left their job somewhere in the

year 2017-2018. Despite their having been no longer on the roll of the School, grant-in-aid was being received by the said School. It is alleged that the amount qua grant in aid deposited in the accounts of said Teachers, who had left job, was being withdrawn by Sunil Kumar Chhabra being Headmaster of the School. The petitioner being the Chairman of the Management Committee of the said School in connivance with co-accused Sunil Kumar Chhabra is alleged to have misappropriated the amount causing huge financial loss to the Government.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that at the time of appointment of said Teachers, Hakam Rai Chhabra, father-in-law of the petitioner was the Chairman of the Managing Committee, who unfortunately died on 17.10.1993. Thereafter, Ishwar Parkash became Chairman of Managing Committee. He also died on 07.5.1998. Thereafter, Sudhir Kumar took over as Chairman of the Committee. He died on 17.09.2014. Since then, the petitioner has been discharging the functions as Chairman of the Committee. It is stated that co-accused Sunil Kumar Chhabra is brother of the petitioner and that infact the School was being run by said Sunil Kumar Chhabra and Sanjiv Kumar Manager. The petitioner, who is 63 years old, has no direct role in the conduct of affairs of the School. She is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation of the case.

Notice of motion for 29.01.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer, subject to the conditions provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. The petitioner is also directed to join the investigation and cooperate with the Investigating Agency, as and when

required.”

Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Kuldeep Singh submitted that in compliance of the aforesaid order, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no more required in any further investigation of the case.

In view of above interim order dated 29.11.2019 is made absolute. Petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when directed to do so and he shall be abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands disposed of.

January 29, 2020
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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