

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

**CRM-M No. 51984 of 2019
Decided on: 23.01.2020**

Lalita Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.251 dated 24.10.2019 registered under Section 20 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

The operative part of the order dated 06.12.2019, vide which interim anticipatory bail has been granted to the petitioner, is reproduced as under:-

“...Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, the police on receiving an information that the petitioner along with the co-accused is involved in the activity of selling narcotics and they are coming on a motorcycle. On receiving such information, the police party stopped the motorcycle, which was driven by the co-accused namely Manoj Kumar and the petitioner was the pillion rider. It is further argued that it is the case of the prosecution that on seeing the police party, the petitioner, who is a lady aged about 42 years ran away from the spot whereas the co-accused was arrested and

recovery has been effected. It is also submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act....”

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that, in pursuance to the order dated 06.12.2019, the petitioner has appeared before the Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, has not disputed the aforesaid fact and submits that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 06.12.2019 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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