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

CRM-M No.3191 of 2021(O&M)

Date of Decision: 28.01.2021

Saloni Saluja

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Mandeep Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajat Gautam, DAG, Haryana.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.0065 dated 18.01.2020 registered under Section 10 of the Immigration Act and Section 420 IPC (later on offences under Sections 406, 467, 468, 471 IPC were added) at Police Station Thanesar City District Kurukshetra.

As per prosecution case, the allegations are of running a racket usurping the money under the pretext of sending the persons abroad and by preparing the fake documents. The

prosecution story is revolving around the complicity of the main accused Vishal and Ravinder who are in custody. On 28.06.2019, co-accused Vishal and Ravinder gave cheque of Rs.11 lac in the name of father of the complainant which was ultimately dishonoured by the bank. On 01.07.2019, co-accused Vishal transferred an amount of Rs.9,10,000/- in the name of father of the complainant through NEFT with an understanding to pay the remaining amount within a short period. The complainant alleged that the remaining amount of Rs.5,90,000/- was not paid by co-accused Vishal and Ravinder. Petitioner has not been named in the FIR. She has been nominated only in the disclosure statements of co-accused Vishal and Ravinder. Challan has been presented. Offence is triable by the Magistrate.

Per contra, learned State counsel by referring to number of cases submitted that the petitioner has antecedent behaviour of criminal activity as she is involved in 19 cases out of which in 4 cases, she has been granted bail, whereas in remaining 15 cases, she is in custody. In the present case, she is in custody since 24.06.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner by referring to CRM-M No.32810 of 2020, CRM-M No.31578 of 2020 and CRM-M No.30847 of 2020 submitted that the petitioner has been

granted bail by the High Court in different FIRs. Learned counsel for the petitioner by referring to **Criminal Appeal No.153 of 2020** titled **Prabhakar Tewari Vs. State of UP and another** decided on 24.01.2020 contended that involvement of the accused in other cases cannot be a ground to refuse regular bail.

In view of aforesaid facts and without adverting to the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to her furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

January 28, 2021
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No