

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5143-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 10.02.2021

BHARTI RANI ALIAS POOJA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vishavjeet Singh Rishi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.324 dated 17.11.2020, under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 474 & 120- B IPC registered at Police Station Division No.5, district Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was attesting witness of the surety who is stated to have submitted bail bonds for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. He further contends that there is no allegation that the person, for whom the bail bonds were submitted, has absconded or fled from justice. The petitioner is a lady with a minor child and is not involved in any other criminal case. She is in custody for over 2 ½ months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

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In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is a lady with a minor child, she is in custody for over 2 ½ months, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

10.02.2021

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