

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7290-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 24.02.2021

DARSHANA BABBAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Paramjit Kaur Deol, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 279 dated 23.12.2020, under Sections 306, 506 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 66 of the information and Technology Act, 2000 added later on), registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a 55 year old widow and she was operating sewing machines in the boutique business of the deceased. She also contends that there are no specific allegations against the petitioner and co-accused, namely, Geetanjali and Neeti Pathania @ Nitti Pathania have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M-2539-2021 and CRM-M-1870-2021.

Learned counsel for the State and the complainant contend that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, she is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

This Court, by the order dated 16.02..2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation

and in the event of her arrest, she was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jagdish Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 16.02.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. She shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

24.02.2021

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