

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

CRM-M-14092-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.07.2021

Ashima Malhotra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vishwendra Verma, Advocate and
Mr. Shailender Kashyap, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Singh Chaudhary, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.198 dated 03.06.2020 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC and Sections 467, 468 and 471 IPC (added later on), at Police Station DLF, District Gurugram, Haryana.

Vide order dated 07.04.2021 passed by this Court, *ad interim* anticipatory bail was granted to the petitioner with a direction to join the investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to the order dated 07.04.2021 passed by this Court, the petitioner could not join the

investigation due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Copy of reply/status report by way of affidavit dated 08.07.2021 of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, DLF Gurugram, already filed in the Registry, is taken on record.

Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has not joined the investigation. The petitioner is a habitual offender and there are as many as ten other FIRs against him.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been involved in a large number of cases. Thus, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is a habitual offender having brazen criminal antecedents, he does not deserve concession of the anticipatory bail.

In view of the above, while recalling the order dated 07.04.2021 passed by this Court, granting *ad interim* anticipatory bail to the petitioner, the present petition is dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

15.07.2021

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No