

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

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CRM-M-9937-2020

Date of Decision:06.08.2021

SAKINDER KAUR

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Surjit Singh Swaich, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Through the instant petition under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.18 dated 10.02.2020, registered under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC, 1860, and Section 3 of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, at Police Station Khamanon, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

On 06.03.2020, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there were four complaints against the petitioner regarding running of a kitty. He submits that out of 4 complainants, he had no connection with three complainants except for dealings with Manjit Kaur. According to him, the entire kitty amount was being collected by Manjit Kaur and the notings in the diary to this effect have also been made by Manjit Kaur in her own hand. The petitioner had filed a civil suit against Manjit Kaur and other defendants seeking permanent injunction regarding harassment and threats to the petitioner and her family members through the police for the alleged recovery of money. In the suit, statement was made on behalf of Manjit Kaur and another defendant to

the effect that they will not effect recovery from the petitioner by any coercive method and will avail the remedies available to them under the law. Eventually, the civil suit was dismissed as withdrawn on 14.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) on the basis of statement of Manjit Kaur and another defendant.

Notice of motion for 21.05.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would be present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Harbans Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and she is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He has further instructions to state that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 06.03.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No