

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

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**CRM-M-9669-2020
Date of decision: 09.08.2021**

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Ramandep, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J. (ORAL)

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

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, "the Cr.P.C") for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.29 dated 01.02.2020 registered under Sections 323, 324, 452 and 506 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

While issuing notice of motion on 04.03.2020, this Court had granted interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner with direction to join the investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

"Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. As per the prosecution version the petitioner was empty handed. The petitioner is alleged to have caused injuries to Rajwant Kaur-mother of complainant-Baldeep Kaur. The injuries with sharp edged weapon are attributed to the husband of the petitioner. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation."

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, D.A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Copy of the paper book has been supplied to learned State Counsel, who seeks time to complete his instructions.

Adjourned to 28.04.2020.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so. In the event of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds by her to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall comply with the conditions enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. failing which she shall not be entitled to the protection of interim bail allowed to her."

The petition has been opposed by the learned State Counsel. However, no reply has been filed by the respondent-State.

I have heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned State Counsel and have gone through the record.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has, while reiterating submissions made earlier, submitted that in compliance with order dated 04.03.2020, the petitioner has joined the investigation and she may be granted anticipatory bail as her custodial interrogation is not required in the case.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel has vehemently opposed the petition and submitted that in view of gravity of accusation, the petitioner does not deserve grant of anticipatory bail. Therefore, the petition may be dismissed.

However, learned State Counsel has, on instructions from ASI Ranjeev Kumar, acknowledged that in compliance with order dated 04.03.2020 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and that her custodial interrogation is not required in the

case.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of accusation against the petitioner, the fact that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required in the case and there is no material to justify the apprehension of the petitioner fleeing from justice or tampering with evidence or criminally intimidating the prosecution witnesses, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the considered view that the petitioner deserves the grant of anticipatory bail.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and order dated 04.03.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation again if and as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions enumerated in Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C., failing which the protection of anticipatory bail order shall not be available to her.

09.08.2021
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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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