

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

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**CRM-M-13524-2021**

Date of decision : 27.08.2021.

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

**CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present:- Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate for  
Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.05 dated 16.02.2021, under Sections 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Hajipur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused Jyoti Bala, who has been arrested. It is alleged that the petitioner had accompanied co-accused Jyoti Bala to the jewellery shop owned by the complainant to sell gold bangles for ₹50,000/-. Gold bangles were deposited in the shop and an amount of ₹20,000/- was paid to them by the wife of the complainant. They were asked to get their Aadhar Card and other papers before the balance amount of Rs.30,000/- would be paid to them but they did not turn up again and it was later found that the gold bangles were fake. He also contends that the allegations are highly improbable as it would not be possible that a Jeweller would not come to know immediately on their deposit that the

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gold bangles were fake. He also contends that the incident is alleged to have taken place on 21.01.2020 while the FIR was registered after nearly a year when there was dispute with regard to the balance payment. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

This Court, by order dated 24.03.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of her arrest, she was ordered 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 Pawan Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 24.03.2021 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

**August 27, 2021**  
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| Whether Reportable        | : | Yes/No |