

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(210)

CRM-M-23759-2021

Date of decision: 08.09.2021

Neetu Rani @ Reetu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Rohit Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.100 dated 04.06.2021 under Sections 323, 342, 379-B, 384, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.

On 22.06.2021, this Court passed the following order:-

“Case has been heard through video conferencing on account of Covid-19 Pandemic.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Prabjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

As per the allegations in the FIR, Maninder Sharma (Pradhaan) and Sukhi aged about 40-45 years forcibly removed the clothes of complainant Manoj Kumar and they also got removed top of the petitioner and made their video on their mobile phone and then Maninder Sharma snatched Rs.50,000/- from the complainant while Sukhi snatched his gold chain and they also took away his car. There are allegations that the petitioner honey-trapped the complainant in connivance with other accused.

However, as per the counsel for the petitioner, it was Khushboo who called the complainant to the flat and the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case at the instance of the complainant who was found in the company of Khushboo in the said flat.

It is further contended that Maninder Sharma has already been arrested in this case alongwith Khushboo.

In the light of the above, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation with the police. In case of her arrest, she is directed to be released on interim bail by the Investigating Officer to his own satisfaction till the next date of hearing. The petitioner should join investigation with the police well in time before the next date of hearing and should abide by the conditions envisaged in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

*Now the case is adjourned to **20.7.2021**.*

Report of SHO be also called for that date.”

Though the report has not been filed, but learned State counsel, upon instructions, from SI Jaswinder Singh submits 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 above facts, but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 22.06.2021 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

08.09.2021
Kamal

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