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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-25025-2021
Date of decision-23.09.2021

ANITA MEHRA

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Bharat Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0191 dated 07.11.2020, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Focal Point, District Ludhiana. The petitioner apprehended her arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 02.07.2021, whereby, while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel contends that the petitioner had resigned from the company much before the registration of the FIR. He has further placed reliance upon the order dated 23.04.2021 (Annexure P-13), whereby concession of pre arrest bail has been granted to co-accused,

Rakesh Mehra @ Rakesh Kumar Mehra.

Notice of motion for 23.08.2021.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on her 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.

To be heard along with CRM-M-17142-2021.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted herself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Gurmeet Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and she is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 02.07.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

23.09.2021

Vipin kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No