

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

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CRM-M-29671-2021

Date of decision : 11.10.2021.

Surinder Kaur Sodhi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr.Vipul Babuta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.P.S. Duggal, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.42 dated 10.03.2021 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Kotakpura, District Faridkot (Challan was presented under Sections 420, 120-B IPC).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was running an Institute namely, M/s Sahibzada International Management Institute and the money had been taken from the complainant to send his grandchildren abroad. He, however, contends that the petitioner was legitimately running the institute and had made earnest efforts to get the VISA for the grand children of the complainant. The grand-daughter of the complainant was granted VISA while the grand-son could not be granted the same. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over six months

and is suffering from various ailments including diabetes, hypertension and decreased vision.

Learned State counsel in pursuance to the previous order of this Court, has filed reply by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent Women Jail, Ludhiana wherein the report with regard to the medical condition of the petitioner has been appended as Annexure R-1. The report read as under:-

“It is submitted that UT Surinder Kaur @ Sodhi w/o Jagpreet Singh is in jail custody from 14.06.2021. She is a known case of Hypertension and diabetes Mellitus for which she is under treatment. Prisoner complained of decreased vision and was referred to Civil Hospital Ludhiana on 18.06.2021 and was advised cataract surgery with IOL implantation for both eyes. Prisoner was complaining of a typical chest pain, for the same she was referred to Civil Hospital Ludhiana from where she was further referred to PGI Chandigarh dated 20.07.2021. Her investigations were normal. Now the prisoner is not having any fresh complaint. For follow up evaluation patient was sent to C/H Ludhiana dated 07.08.2021 and as advised to continue the same treatment for Hypertension and she is cardiorespiratory stable. Prisoner was complaining of blackening of right toe, for the same she was referred to C/H Ludhiana dated 21.09.2021 and was advised excision for the same. Her medical report is attached with it. Kindly acknowledge her all reports.”

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Satpal Singh, states that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined so far. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in other cases.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner, who is a lady, is in custody for over six months, she is unwell, the Covid-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 11, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No