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CRM-M No. 27067 of 2020

Hardesh Rani @ Motto Versus State of Punjab

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG., Punjab.

This is the second petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 186 dated 1.12.2019 under Sections 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that challan has been filed on 28.02.2020 and after framing of charges on 03.03.2020 no witness has been examined. He further submits that in another case in CRM-M-12895-2020, the petitioner has been granted bail. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that petitioner has no parents and she is an addict herself and she has been in custody for 1 year 4 months and 3 days and she has not been released even on parole even during covid-19 pandemic.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the grant of regular bail to the petitioner submitted that challan has been filed and now the trial has started. The next date for recording of evidence of the witnesses is 16.4.2021.

Heard.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 01.12.2019 and due to the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19 the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the

concession of interim bail to the petitioner. Therefore, the petitioner is granted interim bail for a period of three months w.e.f. 16.4.2021 to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate. Thereafter, she will surrender before the jail authorities concerned after completion of period of three months.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

April 7, 2021
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