

CRM-M No.33964-2021

Date of Decision: 29.09.2021

Manjeet Kaur Buttar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. WaliaPresent : Mr. Krishan Kanha, Advocate for
Mr. Narinder Lucky, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.065 dated 07.03.2020, registered under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 20.08.2021, the following order was passed:-

“Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned counsel contends that the petitioner, resident of Chattisgarh is an illiterate, 71 years old lady, and that the FIR has been registered in the year 2020 in respect of an incident of the year 2017, that all actions pertaining to the property were carried out by her son who died in the year 2018, she is not aware of anything, she has no criminal antecedents and is ready and willing to join investigation and fully cooperate in the same.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State and on instructions from SI

Tarsem Singh states that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required and she may be directed to join investigation.

Adjourned to 06.09.2021.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation and fully cooperate with the police. However, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on ad-interim pre-arrest bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting / Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C., failing which, the interim protection granted to the petitioner, shall stand vacated.”

3. Today, learned counsel contends while learned State counsel on instructions from *SI Tarsem Singh* confirms that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 20.08.2021, the petitioner joined investigation, fully cooperated with the police, was released on ad interim pre arrest bail and that her custodial interrogation is not required.

4. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 20.08.2021, passed by this Court, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide with the conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. However, nothing stated hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

5. Petition stands *disposed of* in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

29.09.2021

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<i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>