

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
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CRM-M-36295-2021

Date of decision : 27.9.2021

Meena Kumari

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Inder Singh, Advocate
for petitioner (s).

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG Haryana.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This is petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 820 dated 16.12.2019 registered under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 119, 193, 195, 196, 197, 201, 205, 120 B IPC at Police Station City Hansi, District Hisar.

FIR was got lodged by Vineet Jain, Chief Manager, Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company Limited with the allegations that a Syndicate targeted the persons belonging to poor socio economic conditions who were suffering from terminal illness like cancer etc. and a number of accidental death policies were purchased in their names. Fake claims under the personal accident policy were got filed by the nominees of the insured. It is also alleged that possibility of hospital staff being hand in gloves with the fraudsters could not be ruled out as false post mortem reports were prepared by the doctors. A number of private hospitals are alleged to be involved in this practice. It is stated that some of such policies were purchased in the name of Santosh Devi, Sanjay Kumar and Sunil Kumar for a sum of Rs. 50 lacs, Rs. 25 lacs and Rs. 25 lacs respectively.

The petitioner is wife of deceased Sanjay Kumar.

Learned counsel for petitioner states that insurance policies were purchased by deceased Sanjay Kumar. The petitioner had no role in the cheating of said insurance policies. It was the duty of insurance company to verify the contents of said insurance policy before sanctioning the same. He further contends that death of husband of petitioner has been duly verified by competent authority

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including by Medical Officer who conducted post mortem of deceased Sanjay Kumar. The petitioner is in custody since 26.7.2021. The co accused Joga alias Joginder who was facing similar allegations has also been released on bail. No recovery has been effected from petitioner. The trial has not made any headway because of COVID 2019 pandemic.

Learned State counsel, on the other hand, has contended that there are serious allegations against petitioner who in connivance with insurance personnel and others have filed false claim and taken the benefit of insurance policy.

In view thereof, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. Hence, petition is allowed. Petitioner Meena Kumari is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

27.9.2021
sjks

Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No