

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

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CRM-M-40155-2021

Date of decision : 26.10.2021.

Satnam Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Singh Majithia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0187 dated 23.08.2021, under Section 409 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Amritsar, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that when the petitioner was posted as Sub Post Master although she was to make a payment of ₹1,20,075/-, but she had paid an amount of ₹2,40,150/- and had pocketed the excess amount. He, however, contends that disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner have been initiated and she had already paid a sum of ₹1,35,835/- on 21.08.2017, as there was a clerical error. He also contends that there is a delay of five years in lodging the FIR, as the allegations pertain to the year 2016. The petitioner is a 49 years old lady and is not involved in any other criminal case. He further contends that there is no other allegation of misappropriation of any amount against the petitioner.

This Court, by order dated 27.09.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of her arrest, she was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, North, Amritsar City in Court, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Virsa Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 27.09.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. She shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 26, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No