

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(208)

CRM No. M-41558-2021

Date of Decision : 08.10.2021

Veena Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

(through video conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
(keeping in view advance copy given)

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 29, dated 13.02.2019, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 201 IPC at Police Station City Samana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that in fact the petitioner, who is a widow lady, is implicated in the present case due to the illegal act attributed to the co-accused and she is behind the bars for the last approximately two years. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that as of now, out of 36 witnesses, 28 witnesses have been examined, which includes the complainant as well as the Investigating Officer hence, as the trial is likely to take some time before it concludes, petitioner be granted the benefit of regular bail.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab., who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned State counsel, on the other hand, submits that the allegations alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, of taking money from the students so as to provide them jobs and as per the allegations, amount of over Rs. 33 lacs have been taken by the petitioner on the said pretext. Learned State counsel concedes that out of 36 witnesses, 28 have been examined, which includes the complainant as well as the Investigating Officer.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

The allegations alleged against the petitioner though are very serious but are yet to be proved in the Court of Law. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner is a widow lady and is already behind bars for the last two years and all the material witnesses have already been examined, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the petitioner behind the bars during the trial, especially, when learned counsel for the petitioner has undertaken before this Court that the petitioner will not influence the trial in any manner and will maintain good conduct, if she is granted bail. In case of default of the undertaking, the State will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail in this

case subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression of any opinion on the merits of the case.

October 08, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No
Whether reportable? Yes/No