

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

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**CRM-36536-2021 in CRM-M-42284-2021
Date of Decision: 08.11.2021**

Nandini Devi

....Applicant/Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Raman Mohinder Sharma, Advocate
for applicant/petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

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This application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for preponing the date of hearing of the main petition, which is already fixed for 01.12.2021.

Notice of application.

At the asking of Court, learned State counsel accepts notice and stated that he has no objection if application is allowed.

In view of the grounds mentioned in the application and no objection by learned State counsel, hearing of the main petition is preponed and is taken on Board today itself.

CRM is allowed.

Main Case

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C has been moved by petitioner-**Nandini Devi** for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.144 dated

29.12.2019 under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 489-A IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Abohar, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally concocted one and there is no iota of truth therein. He further submits that allegedly co-accused namely Rajinder Kumar and Deepinder Singh had received the amount from complainant-Sandeep to get him employed in the Railway Department. He further urges that co-accused Rajinder Kumar has already been admitted to bail by Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Abohar, vide order dated 06.05.2021 (Annexure P/3), whereas co-accused Anoop Patel @ Monu has already been extended concession of regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 07.07.2021 passed in CRM-M-16681-2021 (Annexure P/2). He further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 17.08.2021 and she is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose as after completion of investigation, final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in Court on 02.11.2021 and trial has commenced. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and she may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the contents of petition.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 17.08.2021; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that *Challan* has already been presented in Court and since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, she deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Nandini Devi** is allowed and she is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Abohar, Fazilka, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

08.11.2021

Varinder Prashad

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No