

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

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CRM-M-38773-2020

Date of decision : 19.01.2021

Harjinder Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Baldev Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 157 dated 16.09.2020, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Jaitu, District Faridkot.

On 24.11.2020, a Coordinate Bench of this Court has passed the following order:-

'The matter is being taken up through Video Conferencing/WhatsApp due to pandemic of COVID-19.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the husband of the petitioner had purchased a land from Prem Singh after getting the ownership confirmed from the concerned Patwari and as per the Jamabandi, the land was shown in the ownership of Prem Singh. From the contents of the FIR, no offence is made out against the petitioner and the whole matter is of civil nature. The offences in question are triable by Judicial Magistrate 1st Class. He further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr.Amit Mehta, Sr.DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab. Learned counsel for the State to seek instructions and file report by the next date of hearing.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a week and as and when called for by the Investigating Officer. The petitioner will fully cooperate with the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer, subject to her compliance of the conditions enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

List on 19.1.2021.'

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Daljit Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 24.11.2020 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

January 19, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No