

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

(Through Video Conferencing)

CRM-M-38757-2020

Date of Decision: 07.01.2021

MANJIT KAUR

.....*Petitioner*

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....*Respondent*

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. A.S. Barnala, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.154 dated 20.08.2020 registered under Section 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station, Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.09.2020 and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future as only challan has been presented till date. He further contends that the petitioner had no role to play in the alleged crime as she was neither a travel agent nor is she in any way related to the travel agent, Bhola Singh. The only role attributed to the petitioner even in the FIR in question is to the effect that she had introduced the complainant to the travel agent, Bhola Singh, as he had been instrumental in sending her son abroad.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions from ASI Amarjit Singh, has submitted that the challan has been presented before the trial Court and charges are likely to be framed on the next date of hearing. He has not been able to controvert the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner with respect to alleged role attributed to the petitioner in the crime in question.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.09.2020, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19. The present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

January 7, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>