

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

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CRM-M-39538-2020

Date of decision : 19.01.2021

Fatima Begum @ Bano

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 62 dated 01.03.2020, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1965, registered at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner and other accused had taken a sum of ₹25,00,000/- to secure visa to Canada for the complainant and his family. He also contends that the petitioner is a 70 years old lady and has been implicated just because she is the mother-in-law of co-accused, namely, Sarfraz.

This Court, by order dated 27.11.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the 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, upon instructions from ASI Gurjit 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 27.11.2020 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 Reportable	:	Yes/No