

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

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CRM-M-41477-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 27.04.2021.

Swana

... 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.

Mr. Manav Prateek Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

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 has been implicated just because she is the wife of co-accused, namely, Sarfraz. He further contends that co-accused, namely, Fatima Begum alias Bano has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M No. 39538 of 2020. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

This Court, by order dated 10.12.2020 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 SI Baljeet Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but she is not cooperating.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 10.12.2020 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

April 27, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No