

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

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CRM-M-49862-2021

Date of Decision: 02.12.2021

Nazira Begum

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Ms. Puja Chopra , Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail has been moved by petitioner- **Nazira Begum** in case F.I.R. No.234 dated 12.09.2019 under Sections 120-B, 406 and 420 IPC (Sections 465, 467, 468 and 471 IPC added later on in the *Challan*), registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for petitioner *inter alia* contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally concocted one and there is no iota of truth therein. She further urges that allegedly petitioner along with co-accused Sukhdev Singh cheated complainant – Sarvar Khan and thereby dishonestly induced him to deliver a sum of Rs.4,60,000/- on the pretext of arranging a job for him (Sarvar Khan) in Railway Department, whereas petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. She further submits that allegedly abovesaid amount was transferred by the complainant- Sarvar Khan in the account of co-accused Sukhdev Singh. She further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 09.03.2021 and she is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose as after completion of investigation, final report as envisaged under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (*Challan*) has already been presented in Court on 28.04.2021. She further submits

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.

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 languishing in custody since 09.03.2021; 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- **Nazira Begum** is allowed and she is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate Dhuri/Chief Judicial Magistrate Sangrur, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

02.12.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No