

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

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CRM-M-49959-2021

Date of decision : 23.12.2021

Ritika

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. N.S. Shekhawat, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Pritam Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.126 dated 13.09.2021 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC (Section 467 IPC added later on) and Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 1860, registered at Police Station Phase-8, District SAS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although it is alleged in the FIR that innocent persons were being duped on the pretext of recruitment in the Punjab Police but there is no specific instance of any individual having been duped. The petitioner is a house wife with two minor children and has been falsely implicated along with co-accused- Manjit Kumar, who is her husband. There is no allegation that any money was paid to the petitioner or her husband by any person on the pretext of recruitment. There is no *prima facie* material including call details which would establish a *prima facie* case against the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over three

months since her arrest on 16.09.2021 and is not involved in any other criminal case. He also contends that challan has been filed against the petitioner but no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

Learned State counsel, while referring to the affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Community Policing), SAS Nagar, states that the petitioner along with co-accused were planning to help the candidates to cheat in the examination. 17 admit cards/roll numbers along with one communication device, one bluetooth bug and one electric cash counter have been recovered in pursuance to her statement. In the affidavit, there is no mention of any money having been received by the petitioner or recovered from her.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is a lady with two minor children, she is in custody for over three months, she is not involved in any other case, the Covid-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

December 23, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No