

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

(201)

CRM-M-44224-2019

Date of decision:- 02.07.2021

Reet Sidhu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Through the instant petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No. 151 dated 26.09.2019 under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Mataur, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

On 17.10.2019, this Court passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not even denying that the complainant had a transaction with the petitioner. However, the amount transferred to the petitioner was approximately Rs.11 lakhs. The same was paid to the petitioner for ensuring the admission of the complainant in a College in New Zealand. The petitioner did ensure the admission of the complainant in the Royal Business College, New Zealand, and the fee of 19200 dollars, which comes approximately 10 lakhs, in Indian rupees, was duly deposited with the said College. However,

thereafter, the complainant herself gave an affidavit that she does not want to pursue her studies. However, before that time, the money had already been deposited with the above said College. It is further contended that the allegation regarding receiving Rs.20 lakhs by the petitioner is totally concocted.

Notice of motion for 17.03.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal bonds and surety to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, upon instructions, from ASI Rakesh Kumar submits that petitioner has joined the investigation and she is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He has further instructions to state that the petitioner is not named in any other criminal case.

In view of above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 17.10.2019 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

02.07.2021

Kamal

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No