

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53032-2019
Date of Decision: 10.08.2021

Seema Rani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE

Present : Mr. Bhuwan Vats, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab.

(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court).

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral):

Vide this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner prays for an anticipatory bail in FIR No.114, dated 07.11.2019, under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar Rural.

Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, vide order dated 12.12.2019, had granted ad interim bail to the petitioner:-

“The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.114, dated 07.11.2019, under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that she is alleged to have withdrawn a sum of ` 70,000/- from the account of the complainant. He further contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated to cover up the misappropriation on the part of higher officials of the bank. The petitioner was only working as a Peon and was not in a position to withdraw the money from the account of the

complainant. He also contends that the petitioner has been removed from service and her family is below poverty line.

Issue notice to the respondent returnable on 10.01.2020.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating/arresting officer and join investigation. In the event of her arrest, the investigating/arresting officer shall release the petitioner on ad interim bail subject to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. ”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Som Nath, submits that the petitioner has since joined the investigation, pursuant to order dated 12.12.2019 (*ibid*), and is no longer required for any custodial interrogation.

In the wake of the above, the order dated 12.12.2019 is made absolute.

However, the petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

10.08.2021

AK Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No