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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.3604 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 01.02.2022

Shimla Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Hoshiar Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.273 dated 30.12.2021 registered under Sections 417, 419, 468, 471, 120-B IPC at Police Station Mataur, District S.A.S. Nagar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, while conducting the recruitment examination for the post of Constable (District & Armed Cadre) in Punjab Police, by the Central Recruitment Board, M/s.TCS iON, which was conducting the exam, has lodged a complaint that neither the biometric nor photograph of the candidate matched with the candidate, who is appearing at the time of physical test. The allegations against the petitioner are that she appeared in place of her sister Seema Rani, who was a candidate and qualified the written test and later on, when the physical test was conducted, it was detected in the biometric that in fact, Seema Rani has not appeared along with the other accused namely

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Mangal Singh, Narinder Singh, Magandeep Singh, etc. Apparently as per the record, photograph and biometric of the attendants did not tally with the aforesaid candidates.

Counsel for the petitioner has also submitted that the petitioner is only a matriculate and there is no evidence that she has appeared in place of Seema Rani.

Counsel for the State has argued that not only the evidence of biometric and physical verification of the documents prove that the petitioner appeared in place of Seema Rani but also when Seema Rani was arrested, it has come in her own disclosure statement that the petitioner, who is her real sister, impersonated her while giving the written examination for the recruitment of Constable.

After hearing the counsel for the parties, considering the serious allegations against the petitioner, I find no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No