

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

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CRM-M-5780-2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:21st July, 2022

Neha Rani

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. J.S. Dadwal, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.17 dated 2.3.2021, under Sections 302, 397 read with Section 34 IPC, 1860 and later on added Section 328, 120-B IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural.

FIR was got registered by Pardeep Singh. As per the complainant his father Inderjit Singh was employed as truck driver and on 28.2.2021 he went to Mandi Gobindgarh for unloading the scrap. On 1.3.2021 his father gave a phone call that he was returning to Moga and asked to pick him at 10:00 p.m. from the petrol pump. As his father did not return, the police was informed. During investigation, Harpal Singh @ Bhalla, Rachhpal were nominated. Petitioner- Neha Rani is wife of Harpal Singh @ Bhalla. She was named in a disclosure statement made by Rachhpal stating that he in-conivance with Harpal Singh and petitioner prepared a plan to snatch the amount from the driver who used to take the Scrap to Mandi Gobindgarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication. The petitioner has been roped in being wife of accused Harpal Singh. She is in custody since 10.3.2021, investigation is complete. The petitioner has no criminal antecedents. She has four years son, her husband is absconding and there is no one in the family to look after the minor child.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was specifically named by the co-accused. Submission is that she in active connivance with other co-accused, interchanged *SIMs* of mobile to change their locations.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering that the petitioner's name surfaced in a disclosure statement, as per the case set up she was one of the conspirator, she is a lady having a minor child, though investigation is complete, conclusion of trial is likely to take time, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

21st July, 2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>