

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6437-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.04.2022

Manjeet Kaur @ Pinky

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Nitin Rathour, Advocate for
Mr. B.S. Bhalla, 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 in FIR
No.175 dated 18.09.2021 under Sections 420 & 120-B IPC, registered at Police
Station Kathunangal, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

While granting interim bail to the petitioner, following order was
passed by this Court on 15.02.2022: -

*“...Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an identically
placed co-accused of the petitioner, i.e. Baljinder Kaur alias
Balwinder Kaur, has already been admitted to interim bail by this
court vide an order passed on 31.01.2022 in CRM-M-3650-2022.*

He points to the contents of the FIR and submits that the petitioner has also been roped in only on account of being the wife of the prime accused, i.e. Sandeep Singh and consequently, with all family members being roped in just to put pressure for return of the money allegedly given to Sandeep Singh, the petitioner has also been arraigned as an accused.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the court, Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, A.A.G, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within one week and in case she is sought to be arrested, she would be released on bail, on her furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Ilaqa Magistrate.

She shall also comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

If the arresting officer does not join the petitioner in investigation, she would appear before the learned Ilaqa Magistrate immediately, who would then summon the arresting officer and direct him to join her in investigation, in terms of the order of this court...”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jatinder Singh, has not disputed the factual position and states that the petitioner is no more required for any further investigation.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 15.02.2022 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

27.04.2022
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[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No