

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

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**CRM-M-11200-2022  
Date of Decision: 08.04.2022**

Narinder Kaur Purewal @ Narinder Purewal

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Shivender Pal, Advocate, for  
Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.45, dated 22.03.2019, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the custody period of the petitioner in the present case is more than two years and four months by now and as the complainant has already been examined and the trial is likely to take some time before it concludes, the petitioner may kindly be extended the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner is a habitual offender and there are a number of FIRs, which have been registered against

her on the same allegations of defrauding the people so as to settle them abroad on the false pretext of marriage. Learned State counsel further submits that in some of those cases, the petitioner has even been convicted, therefore, even if the petitioner is extended the concession of regular bail in the present case, she will not be able to come out of the jail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

The conceded facts in the present petition are that the FIRs which are pending against the petitioner are with similar allegations and the custody of the petitioner in the present case is more than two years and four months already and the complainant in the present case has also been examined. A co-ordinate Bench while passing its judgment in **CRM-M-9088-2021** titled as ***“Narinder Kaur Purewal @ Narinder Purewal Vs. State of Punjab”***, decided on 20.08.2021, relating to FIR No.16, dated 01.02.2019 involving the petitioner, has already extended the concession of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that she was behind the bars for a period of more than two years in that case. The relevant paragraph of the said order is as under:-

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*In view of the above, especially when the petitioner, who is a lady, is in custody for over 02 years, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.*

*Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.”*

The facts and circumstances of this case are similar to that of the above mentioned FIR No.16, dated 01.02.2019, wherein the petitioner has already been extended the concession of regular bail by a co-ordinate Bench while passing order in CRM-M-9088-2021.

Keeping in view the above, no useful purpose will be achieved in keeping the petitioner behind the bars any further as the trial is likely to take some time before it concludes and especially in view of the fact that learned counsel for the petitioner has undertaken before this Court that in case the petitioner is extended the concession of regular bail, she will maintain good conduct and will not influence the trial or any witnesses in any manner, hence without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail, if not liable to be retained behind the bars in any other case, subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression of any opinion on the merits of the case.

**08.04.2022***Apurva***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)****JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No