

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17169 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:12th July, 2022

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.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Rajeev K. Kapila, Advocate and
Ms. Satpreet Grewal Kapila, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

CRM-17112 of 2022

Application is allowed. Documents are taken on record.

Main case

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.252 dated 29.11.2016, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, 1860, and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional (Regulation), Act, 2014 added lateron, registered at Police Station Rama Mandi, Jalandhar, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

The allegations against the petitioners are that she ostensibly received Rs. 3,50,000/- on the pretext of sending son of the complainant abroad. The petitioner was declared proclaimed person and thereafter was arrested on 7th February 2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not aware of the proceedings and in order to show her *bonafide*, she has deposited Rs.1,00,000/- with the trial Court subject to the outcome of the trial.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the investigation was delayed due to conduct of petitioner. She is involved in two

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, petitioner has deposited Rs. 1,00,000/- to prima-facie establish her *bonafide*, the petitioner is granted regular bail on the basis of Rs.1,00,000/- already deposited by her with the trial Court. The amount deposited shall be kept in FDR in a nationalised Bank subject to the outcome of the trial. In case of failure of the petitioner to appear during the trial, the amount so deposited shall be forfeited.

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.

12th July, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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