

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

CRM-M-18983-2021

Date of decision : 16.05.2022

Caroline Anne Redden

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Ms. Niharika Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure to seek anticipatory bail in case FIR No.0001 dated 08.02.2018 under Sections 420 and 406 Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station SAS Nagar, Punjab, who apprehends her arrest at the hands of Police.

On 15.09.2021, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel contends that despite orders, Annexure P/2 dated 21.07.2016 in CRM-M No.24372 of 2016 directing the DSP, Cyber Crime, Phase-5, Mohali to consider the complaint sent by the petitioner through registered post on 06.06.2016, no decision has been taken on the same, till date besides, reply filed by the State also makes no mention of the same, whereas it is the case of the petitioner that the complainants are implicating the petitioner in a false case for extraneous considerations as they had not paid salaries / payment due as per entitlement to the petitioner and team workers after having verbally instructed the petitioner to release the payment to all those, who were entitled to payment on account of work done. Learned counsel contends that the complaint, Annexure P/5 reveals the false implication of the petitioner in the instant FIR and despite directions, no decision has been taken on the same, till date. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner is a lady and resident of Kolkata, does not have any criminal antecedents and is ready and willing to join investigation and fully co-operate in the same.

Learned Addl. A.G. has not shown decision to have been taken on the complaint submitted by the petitioner.

Adjourned to 29.10.2021.

Decision be taken on complaint, Annexure P/5 and be placed on the record.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation and fully cooperate with the police. However, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on ad-interim pre-arrest bail, subject to her furnishing bail / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting / Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C., failing which, the interim protection granted to the petitioner, shall stand vacated.

At this stage, on request of counsel for the parties, the complainant i.e. (1) M/s Contact Bridge IT Enabled Services Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.227, Phase IX, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab through its Managing Director Mr. Jagdeep Grover (2) Mr. Jagdeep Grover, Managing Director M/s Contact Bridge IT Enabled Services Pvt., Ltd., Plot No.227, Phase IX, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab and (3) Ms. Sharanjeet Kaur, C/o M/s Contact Bridge IT Enabled Services Pvt., Ltd., Plot No.227, Phase IX, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab, are impleaded as respondent Nos. 2 to 4.

Registry to make necessary amendment in the memo of parties.

Issue notice to respondent Nos.2 to 4 for the date fixed.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that in compliance of the above order, the petitioner associated herself in the investigation and cooperated during interrogation.

Learned State counsel who is instructed by SI Shawinder Singh states that indeed the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 15.09.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

16.05.2022 Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes No

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Yes No