

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31129-2021
Decided on : 27.04.2022

Loveleen Kaur

. . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

PRESENT: Mr. Dilraj Singh Bhinder, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. G. S. Bawa, Advocate
for the complainant.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 14 dated 02.03.2021 under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Ghuman, District Batala.

On 05.08.2021, a coordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass the following order:

“The petitioner herein seeks the relief of anticipatory bail in the criminal case pertaining to the FIR bearing No.14 dated 02.03.2021 registered at Police Station Ghuman, District Batala, under Section 420 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter-alia, contends that the allegations, as levelled by the complainant in the subject FIR, are quite vague and ambiguous because he has neither divulged the details of

the bank accounts in which he had transferred the amount of Rs.13,00,000/- nor has disclosed the WhatsApp number allegedly provided to him by some foreigner female and in fact, the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and moreover, she is ready to join in the investigation as and when so required and she is not involved in any other criminal case of similar nature.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings in pursuance of the copy of this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance, accepts the notice. She seeks time to file a detailed status-report/reply in this matter.

Let the same be filed on or before 28.10.2021.

Meanwhile, in the event of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing the requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer.

However, the petitioner shall join in the investigation of this case as and when required to do so and shall also strictly abide by all the conditions as laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. ”

Thereafter, subsequently on 12.11.2021, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the above orders, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further custodial interrogation.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances moreso, the facts which have been noticed in abovesaid order dated 05.08.2021 and also the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 05.08.2021 is ordered to be made absolute.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the observations made in the present case which are only for the purpose of adjudicating the present bail application.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

27.04.2022
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Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No