

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

CRM-M No.32107 of 2022

Date of Decision: 29.07.2022

Preeti Jakhar

.....Petitioner

Versus

UT Chandigarh

.....Respondent

BEFORE: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Eklavya Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of regular bail in the criminal case arising out of the FIR bearing No.46 dated 11.04.2022 registered at Police Station Sector 3, (North) Chandigarh, under Sections 353 and 452 IPC, with the allegations that she forcibly entered in the office of Chief Information Commissioner, Haryana and also manhandled the complainant-EHC Sukhbir Singh who was present there in connection with his official duty as the PSO.

2. Mr. Sumit Jain, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the UT, Chandigarh, has appeared in this case in pursuance of the notice of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-UT in advance.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned UT counsel in the instant petition and have also perused the file carefully.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody in this case since the date of her arrest, i.e 12.04.2022 and the Challan has already been presented against her and the offences are triable by the Court of the Magistrate and in these circumstances, she (petitioner) deserves the relief as prayed for in this petition.

5. Learned UT counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position.

6. Keeping in view the above-discussed facts and circumstances as well as the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Preeti Jakhar is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to her furnishing the requisite personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

July 29, 2022
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*