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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-36743-2021 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 19.01.2022

Sukhjit Kaur Saini

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Harsh Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)**

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.235 dated 07.11.2020, registered under Sections 447, 506, 427 and 379 IPC at Police Station Bhogpur, District Jalandhar. The petitioner apprehends her arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 07.09.2021, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel contends that the petitioner was extended the concession of interim pre arrest bail by the Court of Sessions, but as she failed to join the investigation, her petition was dismissed. Learned counsel has pointed out that the petitioner is permanently residing at Mumbai and because of imposition of administrative restrictions to curb the pandemic COVID-19, she could not join the investigation and the Court has proceeded to decline her claim merely on the ground that the application seeking extension of time contains the local address.*

*Notice of motion for 19.01.2022.*

*Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on her furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted herself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Sulinder Singh does not dispute this fact that 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 07.09.2021 is made absolute.

19.01.2022  
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes | No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes | No |