

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

CRM-M-35513-2022

Date of Decision : 30.08.2022

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..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. Samir Rathaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J(ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.04 dated 26.02.2020, under Sections 409, 204, 120-B, 420 IPC and Section 13 (1)(A) read with Section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, FS-1, Mohali.

It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is a lady of the age of 35 years and she is in custody from 05.07.2022 which is more than 1½ months. He submitted that the petitioner has an eight months old child and her husband is also physically handicapped. He further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner were that she had got employment in a Government job by

way of deceitful method by not appearing in examination and such like allegations were made not only against the petitioner but also against the other co-accused. He submitted that thereafter the proceedings under the Prevention of Corruption Act were also added against another co-accused namely Karanbir Singh. He further submitted that no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner and in view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner may be considered for the grant of regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, on instructions from DSP Tejinder Pal Singh has stated that it is correct that the petitioner is a lady of the age of 35 years and she is in custody from 05.07.2022. Learned State counsel has also informed the Court that the other co-accused namely Karanbir Singh against whom the proceedings under the Prevention of Corruption Act were invoked has already been enlarged on bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

It is a case where the petitioner is a lady of the age of 35 years and as per the learned counsel for the petitioner, she is having 08 months old child and her husband is also handicapped. As per the learned State counsel, no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner and the other co-accused Karanbir Singh against whom the proceedings under Sections Prevention of Corruption Act were invoked is already on bail.

In view of the aforesaid position, this Court is of the view

that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed herein above shall have no effect on the merits of the case and is meant for deciding the present petition only.

30.08.2022
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No