

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

Sr. No. 209

**CRM-M No. 47100 of 2021
Date of decision: 11.02.2022**

Navdeep Kaur

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

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

Present: Mr. Davinder Singh Khurana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ishneet Kaur, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent -State.

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.174 dated 31.12.2020 registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, with the allegations that she, along-with her co-accused, duped the complainant of Rs.13.35 lacs on the pretext of sending his son to Canada.

Reply filed on behalf of the respondent-State, by way of the affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police (South), Ludhiana, as forwarded by learned State counsel to the Court through the “*WhatsApp Group for Video-Conferencing*” of this Court, has been placed on the record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the instant petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since 01.09.2021 and the Challan has also been presented in the Court but however, the Charge has not yet been framed and thus, the trial proceedings are yet to commence in the case and moreover, the petitioner is also not involved in any other criminal case of the similar nature and in these circumstances, she (petitioner) deserves the relief as prayed for in this petition.

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

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 Navdeep Kaur 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.

The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

11.02.2022
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No