

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-51748 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: January 06, 2022

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Khaira, AAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.254 dated 19.10.2021, under Section 379-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Anaj Mandi, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 19.10.2021. It is argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that the matter stands compromised between the parties and a petition (CRM-M-48825-2021) for quashing of the FIR on the basis of compromise has already been filed. It is also submitted that co-accused Jaspreet Kaur @ Toti has been granted regular bail by this court in CRM-M-48276-2021 and another co-accused Gurmeet Kaur @ Meeto @ Bably has

been granted regular bail by this court in CRM-M-51602-2021. It is also contended that investigation is complete and challan stands presented and conclusion of trial is likely to take sufficient time, as such, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that there are 24 more cases of similar nature pending against the petitioner herein and she is a habitual offender.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that conclusion of trial is likely to take sufficient time, matter stands compromised between the parties and that co-accused have already been granted regular bail by this court, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

January 06, 2022
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No