

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

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CRM-M-53942-2021

Date of Decision:25.08.2022

SHILPA DEVI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

On 13.01.2022, this Court passed the following order in the main

case:-

“Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.177 dated 16.10.2021, registered under Sections 363, 366-A, 376 AB of IPC, 1860 read with Sections 6 and 17 of POCSO Act, 2012 at Police Station Shahpurkandi, District Pathankot.

Counsel for the petitioner has relied upon order dated 07.12.2021, Annexure A-1, whereby the main accused has been granted interim protection by this Court. He submits that the petitioner, who is a young lady of 19 years of age, is ready to join the investigation and cooperate with the Investigating Agency.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab, who is present through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

List on 28.03.2022.

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 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.

To be heard with CRM-M-49504-2021.”

Interim bail granted to co-accused, Sajan @ Sajan Kumar in CRM-M-49504-2021, has been made absolute by this Court by an order passed on even date.

Upon instructions from ASI Asok Kumar, State counsel submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and she is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without commenting upon the allegations levelled in the petition, present petition is allowed and the order dated 13.01.2022 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

25.08.2022
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No