

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

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CRM-M-53114-2022

Date of Decision: 22.11.2022

Lauren Morrison

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. S.K.Panwar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.212 dated 21.07.2022 at Police Station BPTP Faridabad, District Faridabad, under Sections 420/465/467/468/471 IPC.
2. The allegations, in nutshell, are that on 21.07.2022, an information was received by the police to the effect that one Rahul indulged in preparing forged Aadhar cards of Nigerians. Pursuant to receipt of said information, a raid was conducted at his shop i.e. M/s A to Z solutions from where the co-acused Rahul was caught red-handed while preparing forged Aadhar cards of Nigerians.
3. It is further the case of the prosecution that during the course of interrogation, said Rahul disclosed that various Nigerians used to be

- referred to him by the petitioner – Lauren Morrison and that the petitioner used to be given commission for the same.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that she has falsely been implicated in the present case and that in any case at best it is a case where she had helped co-Nigerians for the purpose of preparing Aadhar cards without knowing that co-accused Rahul was not issuing genuine Aadhar cards. It has further been submitted that since some other co-accused, namely, Sanjay, Hamphery, Aladina and Ajay singh @ Monu have already been granted bail, the petitioner also deserves the same relief on grounds of parity.
 5. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that having regard to the fact that the petitioner had acted as a tout and had facilitated co-accused Rahul in preparation of bogus Aadhar cards of several other Nigerians and having taken commission for the same, her complicity is clearly evident. Learned State counsel has also pointed out that call details record also shows that the petitioner was regularly in touch with co-accused Rahul. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that the petitioner as on date has been behind bars since the last about 4 months. It has also been informed that the trial in the present case is yet to commence and as many as 17 PWs have been cited.
 6. This Court has considered rival submissions.
 7. Without commenting anything as regards the merits of the case, but while noticing that the petitioner, who is a lady, has been behind bars for the last about 4 months and that the trial will take time, as the same is yet to commence and as many as 17 PWs have been cited, further detention of

the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

22.11.2022

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**

Whether reportable: **Yes/No**