

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.202(3)

CRM-M No. 7774 of 2023
Date of decision : 09.05.2023

Sapna

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 102 dated 18.12.2022 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Maloudh, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana.

(2) On 14.02.2023, this Court had passed the following order : -

“Inter-alia relies on the issuance of notice and grant of ad interim anticipatory bail to identically placed co-accused Raj Rani and Reetu @ Ritu Garg who have earlier approached this Court through CRMM-3890-2023 – Raj Rani vs. State of Punjab and CRM-M-5890-2023 – Reetu @ Ritu Garg vs. State of Punjab.

Notice of motion.

Mr.Arun Luthra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

For arguments, adjourned to 25.04.2023.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M-3890-2023.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner’s joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency

as also abiding by the other conditions provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C, in the event of her arrest in FIR No.102, dated 18.12.2022, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Maloud, District Khanna, she shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer.”

(3) Learned State counsel submits that under the afore-quoted order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and that her custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

(4) Through order of even date passed in CRM-M No.3890 of 2023 - Raj Rani Vs. State of Punjab, this Court has granted anticipatory bail to similarly placed co-accused Raj Rani.

(5) In view of the above statement made on behalf of the State and because similarly placed co-accused Raj Rani has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court, subject to the petitioner abiding by the conditions provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C., the order of this Court dated 14.02.2023, granting ad interim bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute.

09.05.2023

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No