

2023:PHHC:087771

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.8511 of 2023
Date of Decision: 13.07.2023

Renu Bala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohinder Singh Joshi, Addl. A.G, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (Oral)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner has sought the relief of anticipatory/pre-arrest bail in the criminal case arisen out of the FIR bearing No.48 dated 13.04.2021 registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, under Sections 354, 341, 323, 506, 34 IPC (Sections 325, 341, 323, 506, 34 IPC, as per Challan).

2. Status-report has already been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, by way of the affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division City Hoshiarpur.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the present petition and have also gone through the file carefully.

4. It is worth-while to mention here that in Para No.5 of the status-report, it has categorically been mentioned that after the presentation of the Challan, the petitioner absented herself from the Court during the proceedings in the case and therefore, she was declared to be a proclaimed offender on 29.11.2022.

5. It has categorically been observed by the Apex Court in **State of Madhya Pradesh vs. Pradeep Sharma (2014) 2 SCC 171** that “*where the accused was absconding and had been declared a proclaimed offender in terms of Section 82 Cr.P.C, he should not be granted anticipatory bail*”.

These observations are fully applicable to the instant case.

6. Keeping in view the above-discussed facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve the relief of anticipatory/pre-arrest bail. Resultantly, the petition in hand stands dismissed accordingly.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

13.07.2023

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>