

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15892-2023

Date of decision: 24.05.2023

Payal Rani

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Shubham Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anurag Arora, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.26 dated 07.03.2023 under Section 380 IPC registered at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

2. Vide order dated 29.03.2023, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel inter alia contends that the petitioner, who is just a little less than 18 years of age, has been falsely implicated in the case in hand on the allegations that she stole jewellery from the almirah of the complainant on 20.02.2023. Learned counsel, while drawing the attention of this court to the contents of the FIR, submits that it was lodged after one month of the alleged occurrence and it was alleged therein that the petitioner was seen walking out of the house of the complainant with a bag in her hand. However, other than this, there was no mention of the alleged stolen articles being seen in the CCTV footage.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 29.03.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. Learned State counsel, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 29.03.2023, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

24.05.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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