

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.18494 of 2023  
Date of decision: 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Saroj Bala

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent/State.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0248 dated 29.10.2022 under Sections 447, 448, 380, 420, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Haibowal, District Ludhiana.

2. Vide order dated 17.04.2023, the petitioner had been granted concession of interim bail in the following terms:-

*“Learned counsel inter alia contends that the dispute between the parties is essentially civil in nature and the petitioner, who is an illiterate woman of 53 years of age, was residing in part of the plot which was sold off by the co-accused who has since been extended the concession of bail by this court vide order dated 29.03.2023.”*

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Judge Singh, submits that in compliance of the order dated 17.04.2023, the

petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

4. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 17.04.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to her, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to her.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**July 10, 2023**  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |