

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

CRM-M No.20820 of 2023
Date of decision: 10th May, 2023

Deep Kiran

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Mr. Kanishk Sarup &
Mr. Vishwa Nath Sharma, Advocates for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under
Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0004 dated 09.01.2023 under
Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police
Station Moti Nagar, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana
(Punjab).

In compliance of the order dated 02.05.2023, learned State
counsel has filed reply by way of a short affidavit of Baljit Singh PPS,
Superintendent Central Jail, Patiala, which is taken on record subject to
all just exceptions and a copy thereof supplied to the counsel opposite.

As per the affidavit, the petitioner is in an advanced stage of pregnancy, for which she is being regularly taken to Rajindra Hospital, Patiala for her check up.

Learned senior counsel, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 09.01.2023 in a Magisterial trial and the trial shall take considerable time to conclude as charges have not yet been framed and as many as 14 prosecution witnesses have been cited by the prosecution. Learned senior counsel further submits that though the petitioner is involved in another case under Section 420 IPC, however, she is on bail in the said case. He, therefore, prays that since the investigation is complete and the trial shall take considerable time to conclude, the petitioner be enlarged on bail, more so, in the wake of her medical condition. Learned senior counsel further submits that similarly situated co-accused Narpinder Singh @ Sunny and Sukhram Singh have been extended the concession of bail by this Court vide orders dated 16.03.2023 and 10.04.2023 respectively (Annexure P-4).

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite, on instructions, submits that the petitioner, after posing herself as a Judicial Officer, duped different persons of approximately ₹ 40.00 lacs by giving an undertaking that they would be provided with Government jobs. He

further submits that the charges are likely to be framed on the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court i.e. 17.05.2023.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

The petitioner has been in custody since 09.01.2023, investigation is complete and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future as charges have also not yet been framed. The petitioner who is a lady, is in an advanced stage of pregnancy. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court deems it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 10, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No