

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.20723 of 2023
Date of decision: 26th July, 2023

Bhateri

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Manoj Tanwar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Trishanjali Sharma, Dy. Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.962 dated 24.12.2022 for the offences under Sections 20B (2C)-61-85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station City Rohtak, District Rohtak (Annexure P-1).

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 03.05.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by learned State counsel, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked her to join investigation.

“On being put to notice, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sandeep has not been able to dispute that the petitioner was nominated as an accused on the

*basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused Sandeep.
It has also not been disputed that the petitioner does not
have a criminal past, much less being involved in any other
case under the NDPS Act.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 03.05.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sandeep Kumar, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. She, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 03.05.2023 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 26, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No