

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

206-II

Criminal Misc. No. M-23172 of 2023

Date of decision :-11.08.2023

Bhagoti Devi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gaurav Partap S. Pathania, Advocate
For respondent No.2/complainant.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.34 dated 15.4.2023 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 406, 417, 420, 495, 498-A, 506 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Division-1, Pathankot.

On 08.5.2023, this Court had passed the following order

:-

“Bhagoti Devi has filed anticipatory bail petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in FIR No. 34 dated 15.04.2023, under Section 406, 417, 420, 495, 498-A, 506 and 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Division-1, Pathankot.

It is argued that the allegations against her are vague. She is falsely implicated in this case.

She is also ready to join the investigation and will also cooperate in the recovery of dowry articles.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Mohinder Singh Joshi, Additional A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation and cooperate, her arrest is stayed till next date, subject to the joining of investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further pointed out that the connected case CRM-M-20840-2023 is pending before this Court for 25.07.2023 and prayed that present case be also listed for the said date.

To be listed alongwith connected case CRM-M-20840-2023 for 25.07.2023.

Status report be filed by the respondent - State by the adjourned date.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from the investigating officer states that in terms of the order passed by this Court, reproduced above, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

In view of the above, the order dated 08.5.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. She shall also join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency in case she is required for the same in future as and when called upon to do so.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that the petitioner is required for the

investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

August 11, 2023

Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No