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

**CRM-28864-2023 in/and
CRM-M-24844-2023
Date of decision: 01.08.2023**

RAMANDEEP KAUR BHATTI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Mukul Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A. G. Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

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This is an application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for an early hearing of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-24844-2023, which is fixed for hearing on 11.10.2023.

Learned counsel for the applicant-petitioner contends that the applicant, who is a lady, has been in custody since 14.12.2022. He prays for an early hearing of the main petition.

Notice in the application to the respondent-State.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A. G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, and submits that he has no objection, if the present application is allowed.

In view of the above, the present application is allowed and the

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date of hearing of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-24844-2023, is preponed from 11.10.2023 to that of today. The main petition is taken on the board for hearing.

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Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.196 dated 26.11.2022, registered at Police Station Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, under Sections 364, 364-A and Sections 302 and 201 IPC (added later on).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the above-noted FIR was registered on 26.11.2022, but the petitioner was arrested on 14.12.2022; that owing to the alleged involvement of her family members in the above-noted FIR, the petitioner has been implicated, and that the petitioner is innocent and no specific role has been attributed to her. It is further submitted that the petitioner has recently got married and till date, she has not visited her matrimonial home.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, submits that the petitioner had played an active role in the commission of the offence; that son of the complainant had been murdered and that the petitioner had supplied salt to be poured over the dead body of Harman Singh and that after dumping the dead body, salt had been poured by Gursewak Singh over it. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been attributed a specific role. During investigation, the petitioner alongwith co-accused, Malkeet Singh and Gursewak Singh @ Mithan were arrested on 14.12.2022 and they stated during interrogation that ransom letters were got written from CCL (child in conflict with law).

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I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The above-noted FIR was got registered by complainant-Sukhdev Singh alias Sukha, against some unknown persons with the allegations that his son-Harman Singh was kidnapped and a ransom of Rs.30 lakh had been demanded for his release.

However, the complainant suffered a supplementary statement vide which he had named Navjot Singh alias Jyoti, Jagmeet Singh alias Moosi, Mandeep Singh alias Gaggi, Ramandeep Kaur (petitioner), Malkeet Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Gursewak Singh, Seema Ran, CCL and Deepak. He also alleged that he had been receiving SMS qua ransom from the mobile of his son-Harman. During investigation, the petitioner alongwith co-accused, Malkeet Singh and Gursewak Singh @ Mithan were arrested on 14.12.2022, who stated that ransom letters had been got written from CCL. Further, co-accused Jagmeet Singh @ Moosi and Mandeep Singh @ Gaggu had got recovered the dead body of Harman Singh.

During investigation, Navjot Singh, husband of the petitioner, suffered disclosure statement that after kidnapping, Harman Singh was taken to the house of Gursewak Singh where the petitioner alongwith co-accused was present and aware of kidnapping, and that the petitioner had supplied salt to be poured on the dead body of Harman Singh and after dumping the dead body, salt had been poured by Gursewak Singh over it.

There are serious allegations against the petitioner that she had played an active role in the commission of the crime. Further, trial is at the initial stage.

Keeping in view the nature and gravity of the offence, this

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Court does not find any merit in the present petition.

Dismissed.

01.08.2023

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

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JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Whether reportable?

Yes/No

Yes/No