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

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CRM-M-31248-2023

Date of decision : 12.10.2023

Krishna

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Tejpal Dhull, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Sehrawat, DAG, Haryana.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. While issuing notice of motion on 05.07.2023, following order was passed:-

“Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that the petitioner is accused of having supply her mark sheet to her elder sister for misrepresenting qua her age.

Counsel further submits that all the evidence is in the form of documentary evidence and thus custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be required.

Adjourned to 12.10.2023.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Investigating Officer. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.”

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2. Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Nitish, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 05.07.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of above, the interim order dated 05.07.2023 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

4. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

5. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency, to investigate into the charges against the petitioner.

6. The petitioner shall be deemed to be in custody for the purpose of Section 27 of the Evidence Act, 1872 in regard to a discovery of facts made in pursuance of information supplied by the petitioner in case the occasion arises.

7. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move this court for a direction under Section 439 (2) Cr.P.C. to arrest the accused, in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

8. Needless to say that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

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9. Disposed off accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

12.10.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No