

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.43775 of 2023 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 02nd SEPTEMBER, 2023

Rajni Rani @ Rajni Kaur

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.61 dated 11.03.2023 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC (Sections 465, 467, 468 and 471 IPC added lateron) at Police Station Civil Lines District Bathinda.

2. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that in this case, the petitioner was earlier granted concession of anticipatory bail, vide order dated 04.08.2023 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-28601-2023 (Rajni Kaur Versus State of Punjab)**. However, now the police have added some more sections which have been mentioned in the present petition, but the allegations against the petitioner are basically the same. The petitioner had joined the investigation earlier also and she is ready to join the investigation once again; as and when called by the Investigating Officer. Therefore, the petitioner deserves to be protected against her arrest.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

5. Learned State Counsel, being instructed by ASI Resham Singh, has submitted that during the interrogation of the petitioner, some new facts had emerged. Therefore, some serious sections have been added by the police now. The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required in the case. However, it is not disputed by learned State counsel that in this case itself, the petitioner had been granted concession of anticipatory bail earlier and that the allegations against the petitioner even now are emerging from the same version of the story qua which the petitioner was earlier granted concession of anticipatory bail.

6. In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail. Therefore, it is directed that in case of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

No

Whether Reportable:

Yes

No