

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

CRM-M No.55198 of 2023
Date of decision: 8th November, 2023

Rekha Rani

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Abhishek Chha, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Karan Jindal, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.335 dated 02.07.2022 under Sections 177, 193, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC registered at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a false case has been planted upon the petitioner for having allegedly furnished fake surety bonds before the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ambala in a criminal case. He submits that the petitioner has clean antecedents as she is not involved in any other criminal case. It has also been submitted that after charges were framed, none of the 18 witnesses cited by the prosecution have been examined so far, and hence,

there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future. Learned counsel has, thus, prayed for extending the concession of bail to the petitioner, as her further incarceration would serve no useful purpose.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite, on instructions, has not been able to dispute that charges stand framed and the prosecution evidence has not yet commenced. However, he has reiterated the allegations levelled in the FIR in question against the petitioner of having furnished fake surety bonds before the Court of Sessions at Ambala. Learned State counsel, on further instructions, has submitted that the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court is 17.11.2023 when the evidence is likely to commence.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. The petitioner has now been in custody since 22.02.2023. As many as 18 witnesses have been cited by the prosecution, however, none of them has been examined so far, and hence, the trial will take considerable time to conclude. The petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case, much less a case of similar nature. In the facts and circumstances, as enumerated hereinabove, this Court thus deems it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial

Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

November 8, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No