

CRM-M No.61820-2023

2023:PHHC:165573

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

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Date of Decision: 22.12.2023

POONAM GILL**.....Petitioner****Vs****STATE OF HARYANA****....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA**

Present: Mr. H.N. Sahu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Viney Phogat, D.A.G., Haryana.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.281 dated 21.10.2023 registered under Sections 420, 170, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 8(1)(4) of the Haryana Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2021 at Police Station Sadar Tohana, District Fatehabad, Haryana.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated with the allegations that she along with her uncle was involved in cheating number of candidates relating to Common Eligibility Test (CET) examination held in Haryana on 21.10.2023 and 22.10.2023.
3. The prayer made on behalf of the petitioner has been opposed by learned State counsel while submitting that such kind of incidents are on rise in these days.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.
5. In the present case, the petitioner is behind the bars for the last 01 month and 27 days and investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan followed by framing of charges. Moreover there is no other similar case pending against the petitioner.
6. Considering the fact that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of more than 01 month and 27 days and no other case of similar nature is pending against her, I do not find any justification to extend the incarceration of the petitioner.
7. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

December 22, 2023

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No