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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-408-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.02.2024

PARAMJIT KAUR

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.314 dated 04.10.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 306/120-B of IPC, 1860 at Police Station Division 'B', Distirct Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.
2. On 08.01.2024, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.314 dated 04.10.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 306/120-B of IPC, 1860 at Police Station Division 'B', Distirct Police Commissionerate, Amritsar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the petitioner is a lady aged about 64 years; marriage of the deceased-Manjit Kaur took place about eight years ago with Harpreet Singh, but no instance of any ill-treatment has been raised before the execution of the Will in question; ingredients of Section 306 IPC are not made out against the petitioner and no recovery is to be effected from her.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondnt-State.

Adjourned to 20.02.2024.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 18.01.2024 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety

bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.
To be heard along with CRM-M-53313-2023.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jasbir Singh, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 08.01.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
4. In view of above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 08.01.2024 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be interpreted as 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.
6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C., 1973 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.02.2024

Jasmine Kaur

(SUMEET GOEL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes No

Yes No