



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-4520-2024

Date of decision: 24.05.2024

Ritu Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of UT, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Gurjant Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, P.P., U.T. Chandigarh with
Mr. Shubham Mangla, Advocate
for the respondent-UT Chandigarh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.78 dated 01.07.2023 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the IPC registered at Police Station Maloya, Chandigarh.

2. On 29.01.2024, learned counsel for the petitioner had made the following submissions:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that she has been falsely implicated in the case at hand along with other co-accused for allegedly duping the complainants to the tune of ₹4 lakhs on the pretext of providing them government jobs and houses. He submits that her false implication in the case in hand finds credence from the fact that neither was she named in the FIR nor was any role attributed to her. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had no knowledge of the transactions done through her bank account as her ATM card was in possession of main accused Kanhaiya Kumar, and upon discovery of the said transactions, she had already closed her bank account.”



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3. Thereafter, vide order dated 01.03.2024, the petitioner had been granted the concession of interim bail and was asked to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 01.03.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

5. Learned Public Prosecutor for U.T., Chandigarh, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 01.03.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

24.05.2024

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No