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

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Date of Decision: 30.07.2024

PRIYANKA CHOPRA**.....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH.**

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Avneet, AAG, Punjab.

GURBIR SINGH, J (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.02 dated 06.01.2024 under Sections 21/29 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station STF wing, District STF Wing, Ludhiana.
2. Vide order dated 05.03.2024, this Court had granted interim bail to the petitioner and directed him to join investigation. The same is reproduced as under:-

“ Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.02 dated 06.01.2024, registered under Sections 21/29 of NDPS Act at Police Station STF Wing, District STF Wing, Ludhiana, petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that apart from the disclosure of co-accused Kushal Kumar @ Kali Gujjar, there is nothing incriminating evidence against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid fact. Status report by way of affidavit of Satvinder Singh Virk, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Special Task Force, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana on behalf of respondent has been filed. The same is taken on record.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Investigating Officer. As and

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when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. Adjourned to 06.05.2024.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI-Bhupinder Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 05.03.2024, petitioner has joined investigation and he is not required for any custodial interrogation.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

5. In view of the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the order dated 05.03.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. in letter and spirit.

6. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

30.07.2024*renu***(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No**