



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.10395 of 2024
Date of decision: 22nd May, 2024

Harpreet Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Ashim Singla, Advocate for
Mr. G.S. Simble, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.70 dated 25.08.2023 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Ghanie Ke Bangar, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 28.02.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked her to join investigation.

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner has been implicated in the case in hand only because she happens to be the wife of the main accused Mandeep Singh in whose account, ₹2,45,000/- were deposited by the complainant pursuant to an undertaking given by him that he would help in procuring a job for the complainant's son in the Postal Department.



Learned counsel submits that initially no specific allegations had been levelled by the complainant while lodging the FIR in question, however, subsequently, he changed the earlier version and alleged that ₹4 lakh in cash had been given to the present petitioner.

On a pointed query, learned counsel has informed the Court that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and is not involved in any other case of similar nature.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 28.02.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Anand Singh, 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.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 28.02.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to her, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to her.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 22, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No