

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.11009 of 2023
Date of decision: 6th March, 2024

Madhu @ Kulbir Kaur @ Kulveer Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Gurvir Kaur Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.
Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0184 dated 05.12.2023 under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC (Sections 467, 468, 471 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that she has been falsely implicated in the case in hand, only because she happens to be wife of co-accused Jagpal Singh and has been roped in only on the strength of allegations which were leveled against her husband. Furthermore, no specific role has been attributed to her in the FIR in question. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner has now been in custody since 13.12.2023 and there is no likelihood of the

trial concluding in the near future, hence, her further incarceration would serve no useful purpose. A prayer has, therefore, been made for extending the concession of bail to the petitioner.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite, on instructions, has submitted that the petitioner along with her husband had been running a racket, wherein they had duped a number of innocent people, of large sums of money on the pretext of getting them jobs in various departments of the Government. It has been further submitted by the learned State counsel, on instructions, that there are specific allegations leveled against both the petitioner as well as her husband of having forged certain stamps as well as letter-pads in the names of Deputy Commissioner-cum-Magistrate, Faridkot; Punjab & Haryana High Court etc. Learned State counsel has vehemently prayed for dismissal of the instant petition as the investigation in the case in hand is still pending and even challan has not been presented. Learned State counsel submits that in case the petitioner is enlarged on bail, she could impede the investigation and also try to tamper with the material evidence.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. Prima facie, there are serious and specific allegations leveled against the petitioner of having forged a number of documents including letter-pads and stamps of the Punjab & Haryana High Court as well as the

Deputy Commissioner-cum-Magistrate, Faridkot, which were being misused by her on the pretext of providing jobs to various persons. In the circumstances, keeping in view the seriousness of allegations leveled as well as the factum of the matter which is pending investigation, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition as such stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 6, 2024

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