

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-12848-2024
Date of Decision:20.04.2024

RANI ALIAS KATIPetitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Ms. Kirandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Kamaldip Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Harjinder Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 13.03.2024, following order was passed:

“By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.283 dated 03.09.2023 registered under Sections 304, 120B IPC and under Sections 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Tripri, District Patiala.

As per the allegations, residents of Village Rongla made a complaint to the Police to the effect that petitioner and others were indulging in sale of different kinds of intoxicating substances on account of which various families of the Village had been spoiled and many people including small children had lost their lives. As many as 16 persons were nominated in the complaint including the present petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated on account of the political rivalry; that though the petitioner is involved in many other cases as per the details given in para No.5 of the petition, but no complaint was lodged against her regarding supplying intoxicating substance to anyone resulting in the death. He further contends that numerous co-accused as are named in the FIR have already been granted the benefit of anticipatory/ regular bail vide Annexures P.3 to P.10.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State. Copy of the petition be supplied to him during course of the day.

Adjourned to 20.04.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of her arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. She shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade her from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. She shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

2. Today learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Harjinder Singh submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.
3. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 13.03.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.
4. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

20.04.2024

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Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No