



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

CRM-M-14936 of 2024

Date of decision: 29th August, 2024

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....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG Punjab.,

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No. 432 dated 20.11.2021 under Sections 199, 205, 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

Vide order dated 2.4.2024 the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

“ Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the falsity of the prosecution version is evident from the fact that identically placed co-accused, who had been attributed a significant role in the crime in question, had since been acquitted by the learned trial Court. It has been further submitted that the only allegation levelled against the petitioner was that she stood as a witness to the bail bonds furnished on behalf of co-accused Suraj, who has since been acquitted by the trial Court. ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 2.4.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhpal 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.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 2.4.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. 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.

29th August, 2024

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No