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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16591-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.05.2024

HARJIT KAUR	.. Petitioner
Vs.	
STATE OF PUNJAB	..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0022 dated 02.02.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 363,366,120-B of IPC at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. On 05.04.2024, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No. 0022 dated 02.02.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 363,366,120-B of IPC at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that petitioner is a lady aged about 45 years with clean antecedents; no clear incriminating role has been attributed to the petitioner; the husband of the petitioner namely Bhajan Singh @ Bhaji has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by the Sessions Court & the petitioner is willing to join investigation and cooperate therein.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Adjourned to 01.05.2024.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 10.04.2024 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the

- investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.”*
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balwinder Mashhi has stated that pursuant to the order dated 05.04.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.
4. In view of above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 05.04.2024 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be interpreted as granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C., 1973 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

01.05.2024

Jasmine Kaur

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No