



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-24284-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.11.2024

KULDEEP KAUR

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present:- Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

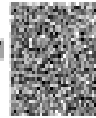
1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.22 dated 18.04.2024, under Sections 406 and 498-A IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran.

2. On 20.05.2024, this Court passed the following order and directed the petitioner to join the investigation:

'2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner is the mother-in-law of respondent No. 2 at whose instance the FIR has been lodged. There are general allegations against the petitioner. She is ready to join the investigation.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance notice, Ms. Himani Arora, A.A.G., Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file status report.



5. Adjourned to 07.08.2024 for service of respondent No. 2.

6. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within ten days and in the event of arrest, she shall be released on interim bail, on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Area Magistrate and also subject to the following conditions:-

(i) That the petitioner shall further make herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(ii) That the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

(iii) That the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Trial Court/CJM concerned.

7. In view of the directions given by Hon'ble the Apex Court, vide judgment dated 18.03.2021, in *Aparna Bhat and others vs. State of Madhya Pradesh* and another [SLP (Criminal) No. 2531-2021)], a copy of the present order be supplied to the complainant by the investigating officer.'

3. As per the office report, respondent No.2 has been served through her brother, however, none has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh has informed that the petitioner has joined the investigation in terms of the order dated 20.05.2024 passed by this Court and her further custodial interrogation is not required.

5. I have heard the aforesaid submissions and perused the relevant documents.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts and the reasons recorded in the order dated 20.05.2024 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation; her custodial interrogation is not required and the allegations and counter-allegations between the petitioner and the complainant are matter of trial, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 20.05.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be



construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

05.11.2024

P.Bhatt	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
	Whether reportable	Yes/No