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

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Date of Decision:- 21.10.2024

Manpreet Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner Manpreet Kaur has filed petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 33 dated 07.03.2024, under Section 408 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station City Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar (Annexure P-1).

2. As per the facts, FIR has been registered on the complaint of Manish Anand, Branch Manager, ICICI Bank, Nawanshahr regarding fraud committed by present petitioner-Manpreet Kaur to the tune of Rs.1,62,000/- with the bank. Present petitioner was granted *ad interim* bail vide order dated 16.05.2024 passed by Co-ordinate Bench and she was also directed to handover her passport to the investigating officer.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that aforesaid order has been duly complied with. Petitioner is ready to join the investigation as and when required. Therefore, her anticipatory bail petition may be



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allowed.

3. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State. Detailed status report has been filed. It is confirmed that present petitioner has joined investigation in pursuance of order dated 16.05.2024 and she has also handed over her passport to the investigating agency on 07.10.2024. Therefore, she is not required for any other purpose.

4. Considering the aforesaid factual position, petitioner has joined the investigation, she has complied with the order dated 16.05.2024 passed by Co-ordinate Bench vide which she was granted *ad interim* bail. She is still ready to join the investigation as and when required. No purpose would be served by sending her behind the bars. Therefore, without commenting on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner-Manpreet Kaur is allowed and *ad interim* bail already granted vide order dated 16.05.2024 stands confirmed subject to the conditions specified under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

21.10.2024

Sunil Devi

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No