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

Sr. No.202

**CRM-M-28598-2024(O&M)
Date of decision : 18.06.2024**

Pooja Rani

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Anil Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh Ladher, DAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.20 dated 28.08.2023 registered under Sections 7, 7-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Sections 384, 420, 511, 120-B IPC, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana, Punjab and for setting aside the order dated 14.05.2024 whereby the learned Special Judge, Ludhiana has dismissed the bail application of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that neither the petitioner was named in the FIR nor any role has been attributed to her. She was implicated in this case on the basis of supplementary disclosure statement of Pinder Sodhi and there is no concrete evidence against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Kulwant Singh submits that the challan was presented on 26.04.2024 and the charges



are yet to be framed and there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Considering the facts and circumstances of this case and in view of fact that the trial is likely to take some time, I do not find any reason to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the trial, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail after furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

18.06.2024

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No