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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32318-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 03.10.2024

MANINDER KAUR

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present : Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 CrPC
petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
154	29.12.2022	454 and 380 IPC	Mehatpur, Jalandhar

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in compliance to the order dated 10.09.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such interim bail granted to the petitioner may be confirmed.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions received from ASI Jaspal Singh has intimated that the petitioner has joined investigation and is no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor she is required



for further investigation.

4. Heard.

5. During the course of hearing on 10.09.2024, the following order was passed:-

“2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner happens to be the niece of the complainant and the complainant was allegedly forcing her to marry to a person of his choice to which the petitioner resisted and married co-accused Arvinder Singh and a false case has been planted against the petitioner just to harass her, in fact, the petitioner and her husband had visited the house of the complainant to attend the bhog ceremony of the father-in-law of the complainant and all the relatives were present there and there was no occasion for the petitioners to take away anything from the house in presence of so many persons and false case has been planted against the petitioner. She is not having criminal antecedents and is ready to join the investigation.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jaspal Singh, submits that the petitioner had admitted in the panchayatnama dated 25.12.2022 about her involvement, however, on perusal of the document, no such admission is observed therein. ASI Jaspal Singh, present in Court, further submits that the police will move the appropriate application before the learned trial Court as the challan was presented even without arresting the accused in the case.

4. In these circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of her arrest, she is ordered to be released on interim bail on her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. She shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

5. Adjourned to 03.10.2024.

6. Let the detailed report by Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural) be filed in Court on the next date of hearing qua the action taken.

7. Investigating Officer to remain present along with record on the next date of hearing.

8. List on 03.10.2024.”



6. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 10.09.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 10.09.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; she will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

7. The petition stands allowed.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

03.10.2024
S.Sharma(syr)

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |