



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32876-2024

Date of decision: 12.07.2024

Amandeep Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Balraj Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.36 dated 03.06.2024 under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Balianwali, District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has been dragged in the present case only because she happens to be the wife of one of the prime accused Surinder Singh, who allegedly lured the innocent people into parting with huge amounts of money on the pretext of providing them with Government jobs, since he had links with high ups. Learned counsel has further submitted that though an amount of ₹10 lakhs was shown to have been given to the petitioner, however, it was a matter of record that ₹8 lakhs stood transferred in the account of co-accused i.e. her husband.

3. Notice of motion.



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4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. At this stage, Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate has entered appearance and filed his vakalatnama on behalf of the complainant which is taken on record.

6. Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, on instructions from ASI Gurdev Singh, have vehemently opposed the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite. It has been submitted that there is documentary evidence in the form of video footage wherein the petitioner along with the co-accused is clearly visible luring and convincing people to part with huge amounts of money on the pretext of providing them Government jobs; as many as 77 victims had deposited various sums of money into the account of the petitioner's husband i.e. co-accused Surinder Singh. It has also been brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner is involved in one more criminal case of identical nature i.e. FIR No.78 dated 20.05.2024 registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

8. Prima facie there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner of luring innocent persons to part with huge sums of money on the pretext of providing them Government jobs. She is also involved in one more case of similar nature. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court is not inclined to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the

petitioner.

9. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

10. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

12.07.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE