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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-35043-2024

Date of decision: 21.10.2024

Preety Thakur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Ms. Preety Arya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner-Preety Thakur has filed the present petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.146, dated 23.10.2023, under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala.

2. As per facts of the case, Paramjit Singh-complainant filed a written complaint against Rajeev Datta and his wife Preety Thakur (petitioner) alleging that in April 2022, complainant contacted Rajeev Datta for sending his son namely Harjinder Singh abroad who demanded Rs.6.5 Lakhs for this work. Initially a sum Rs. 5 Lakhs 35 thousand were deposited with Rajeev Datta and remaining amount was to be deposited on receipt of visa. After getting all papers of his son, he issued a fake offer letter. He tried to contact Rajeev Datta but had a talk with his wife who is posted at Market Committee Nabha. The complainant demanded back passport, money and other documents. On this, wife of Rajeev Datta and

his son threatened to implicate him in a false criminal case. They failed to



return their money and documents, ultimately matter was reported to the police.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that petitioner is falsely implicated in this case. Petitioner has already joined the investigation in pursuance of order dated 24.07.2024. She is not required for any other purpose. She will abide by the terms of bail order.

4. Status report has been filed confirming the aforesaid allegations. It is mentioned that main accused Rajeev Datta has been arrested by the investigating agency on 03.07.2024. Present petitioner has joined the investigation and she is not required for any other purpose.

Considering the aforesaid factual position, present petitioner who is wife of Rajeev Datta main accused, has joined the investigation and she is not required for any other purpose. No purpose would be served by sending her behind the bars. Even now, she is ready to abide by the terms of bail order, therefore, interim bail already granted in favour of the petitioner vide order dated 24.07.2024, passed by the Coordinate Bench stands confirmed, subject to the conditions enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

5. Petition is accordingly disposed of.
6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes /No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes /No |