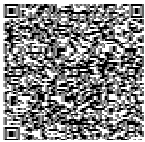


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-37046-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision : 22.10.2024

Sheela Rani

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

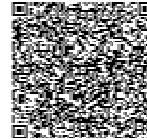
CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Ashok Giri, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Vinay Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. Apprehending her arrest, the petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.125 dated 18.06.2024, under Section 21-C of NDPS Act, 1985 (Sections 27-A/25/29 of NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Division No.8, District Commissionerate, Jalandhar.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that allegedly, 2 kg. of heroin was recovered from the co-accused. He further submits that the petitioner was nominated as an accused on the basis of disclosure statement made by the accused-Balkar Singh. It is also contended that the petitioner is a 41 years old lady with clean antecedents and there is no other case registered against her. She has been falsely implicated in this case and was residing 40 kms. away from the main accused-Balkar Singh. He has placed

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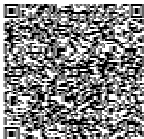
reliance upon the order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Crl.) No.15494-2023 titled as **Chadu Mandal Vs. The State of West Bengal** decided on 18.07.2024 in support of his contentions.

3. As per reply filed by the learned State counsel, it is stated that though, the petitioner has joined the investigation she did not cooperate with the investigating agency. The petitioner is not inclined to give any sufficient proof of her income and even did not give any source of money through which the said vehicle was purchased by her. The petitioner also failed to provide her bank account details and is not providing her old mobile phone numbers. He further submits that the petitioner has provided a mobile phone number i.e. 8146920960, on verification, it was found that the said phone number pertains to Babli Kaur who is mother-in-law of the petitioner and the said phone number was activated on 20.06.2024 i.e immediately after lodging of the FIR so that her previous record of call details cannot be obtained by the police and police may not ascertain her exact connection with the persons who are actively involved in the offences.

4. A perusal of the record reveal that the there are serious allegations against the petitioner that she is the direct participant in the crime. To unearth the true dimensions of the alleged crime, the police requires custodial interrogation of the petitioner in this case.

5. In view of the aforementioned facts & circumstances of this case as well as submissions made by the learned State counsel, this Court does not deem it appropriate to interfere in the matter so as to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner at this stage.

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6. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

22.10.2024
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No