

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48119-2023  
Date of Decision.:12.02.2024

Sushma  
Vs.  
State of Punjab

.....Petitioner  
.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Jagdeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate  
(Legal Aid Counsel) for the petitioner.

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DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is a 60 years old lady, who has approached this Court through Legal Aid Counsel provided by High Court Legal Services Committee, so as to seek regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.161 dated 11.05.2022 registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Police Commissionerate Amritsar, Punjab.

2. Allegations are that petitioner used forged and fake documents i.e. Aadhar Card at the time of furnishing bonds in a case titled as ‘State V. Kamaldeep Singh and Ors.’ arising out of FIR No.182 dated 31.08.2020 registered under Sections 307, 387, 452, 506, 120-B of the IPC and Section 25/54/59 Arms Act registered at Police Station Mohkampura, Amritsar and impersonated Anupama wife of Pardeep in that case so as to get one Randhir Singh released.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is an old lady and has been falsely implicated. Learned counsel further contends that petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 09 months

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allowed bail.

4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State.
6. Custody certificate placed on record by learned State counsel reveals that petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 09 months and 02 days, with no criminal antecedents. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Surender Singh also informs that even charges have not been framed, till date.
7. Having regard to the above facts and circumstances, including the nature of allegations against the petitioner and her long period of incarceration, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.
8. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, submits that petitioner is a poor lady, having no family member to come forward to furnish the surety bonds on her behalf. Learned counsel further submits that she has only a minor grandson, who is presently residing with the neighbors.
9. In the aforesaid circumstances, Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned is directed to release the petitioner on furnishing personal bonds by the petitioner to its satisfaction on usual terms and conditions.

( DEEPAK GUPTA )  
JUDGE

February 12, 2024

Neetika Tuteja

Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No  
Whether Reportable Yes/No