

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47189-2024
Date of decision: 29.10.2024

RAMESH RANIPETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Mr. Naresh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

Status report dated 14.10.2024 in the form of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Detective), District Kapurthala, has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. Mr. Parminder Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Detective), District Kapurthala, is present in Court today and submits that he has joined on 28.09.2024 and that he will supervise the case in accordance with law.

3. By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
53	19.04.2024	18 (c), 21 of NDPS Act; 25, 27-A and 29 of NDPS Act added later on and; 25 of Arms Act, 1959	Satnampura, District Kapurthala



4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 26.09.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 26.09.2024.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from DSP Parminder Singh and SI Labh Singh intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial investigation.

6. During the course of hearing on 26.09.2024, following order was passed:

“2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner is innocent lady, aged about 60 years, having no role or concern with any transaction involving a contraband but has been falsely implicated in the case by police just to harass her. He further submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR nor she has any criminal antecedents but has been allegedly nominated on the disclosure statement of her son Rampal on the flimsy grounds that he had purchased some vehicle on the name of the petitioner allegedly from the use of some ‘drug money’. He submits that the police had earlier nominated one Meena Saini sister of said Rampal also on such flimsy grounds. The petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and on instructions from SI Labh Singh, CIA, District Kapurthala, submits that the petitioner has been nominated on the basis of disclosure statement dated



22.04.2024 of Rampal. He prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

5. Adjourned to 29.10.2024

6. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

7. The Supervisory Officer, according to SI Labh Singh, is Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala, is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with investigating officer.

8. In the meanwhile, 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.”

7. 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 26.09.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 26.09.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. 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.

8. The petition stands allowed.



9. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

29.10.2024
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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |