



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53380-2024
Date of decision: 19.11.2024

MASTURA KHATUN @ MASTURA BIBI
....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB
...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

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

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS,
2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
96	19.05.2024	295-A of IPC and Sections 3, 8 of The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1995.	Khanna City-2, Police District Khanna.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 25.10.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 25.10.2024.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Paramjit Singh, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.



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4. During the course of hearing on 25.10.2024, following order was passed:

“ 2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case he contends that the petitioner was granted interim bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludiana, vide order dated 14.08.2024, passed in BA.No. 12056 of 2024, ‘State s. Mastura Khatun’ (Annexure P-1) and the petitioner was directed to join investigation but due to some medical emergency she could not join investigation in time and on this ground only, the bail application of the petitioner was dismissed vide order dated 29.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludiana. He further contends that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation. Hence, prays for grant of concession of bail.

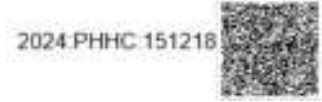
3. Notice of motion.

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 prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

5. Adjourned to 19.11.2024.

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

7. 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 the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS).



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8. *Investigating Officer (concerned) to remain present in Court along with relevant records on the date fixed ”*

5. 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 25.10.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 25.10.2024 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.

6. The petition stands allowed.

7. 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

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