

**CRM-M-54286-2024 (O&M)****- 1 -****213 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-54286-2024 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 28.11.2024****BABLI****... PETITIONER****V/S****STATE OF PUNJAB****... RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN****Present: Mr. Rajesh Bhatheja, Advocate, for the petitioner.****Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.***** * * *****HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.111 dated 17.07.2024 registered for offences punishable under Sections 137(2), 87 BNS Act of 2023, and under Sections 3, 4 of POCSO Act, 2012 and offence added later on under Section 65(1), 335, 340 of BNS Act of 2023, under Section 6 of POCSO Act of 2012 and under Section 9, 10 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, at Police Station City South Moga, District Moga.

2. The petitioner was directed to join the investigation, as per the order 29.10.2024.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State, on instructions from ASI Manpreet Kaur, has confirmed that the petitioner has joined investigation in compliance of the order order 29.10.2024 and further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

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4. In view of the reasons recorded in the order dated 29.10.2024 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, her further custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 29.10.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

5. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

28.11.2024

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**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No