

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.59074 of 2023
Date of decision: 15th March, 2024

Shoba Rani @ Shobha Rani

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Vishal Thakur, Advocates for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.79 dated 01.11.2023 under Sections 454 and 381 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Talwara, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 12.12.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked her to join investigation.

“Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner, who was working as a maidservant in the house of the complainant, had stolen gold jewellery of approximately ₹4 lakh. The CCTV which was installed in the house of the comparison corroborated the allegations levelled against the petitioner of having stolen jewellery as

well as cash amounting to ₹6 lakh. However, on a pointed query, learned State counsel submits that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 12.12.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for her custodial interrogation. However, he submits that certain articles including cash have not yet been recovered.

5. Be that as it may, since the petitioner has joined the investigation and cooperated with the Investigating Agency, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 12.12.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to her, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to her.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 15, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No