



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-57203-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.12.2024

PREENAPetitioner
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent
VERSUS

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The instant one is the 2nd petition for grant of regular bail as filed by the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No.178 dated 12.12.2023. Her first petition had been dismissed vide order dated 22.08.2024.
2. Briefly stated, the petitioner had been booked and is facing trial on the allegations that in conspiracy with the co-accused, she had got prepared her fake Adhar cards mentioning some wrong address from two of the co-accused and got opened some bank accounts on the basis of those fake Adhaar cares and further got transferred an amount of Rs.50,100/- out of the amount which the co-accused had received by cheating and defrauding the complainant.
3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she is in custody since 07.01.2024. Challan has been presented. Trial is likely to take time. The co-accused Vivek whose case is on similar footing has since been extended benefit of bail. On parity, she too deserves to be released on bail.



4. Status report has been filed by respondent-State submitting therein that no substantive ground has been made out for allowing this petition. On hearing both the sides and on perusal of the material placed on record, it emerges that the petitioner is in custody since 07.01.2024. The offences alleged to have been committed by her are triable by Magistrate. The co-accused against whom similar allegations has been levelled has since been extended benefit of bail. In view of this facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed and she is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

5. It is also made clear that any observation made herein shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

16.12.2024

Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)

JUDGE

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned* : Yes/No
2. *Whether reportable* : Yes/No