



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-57521-2024
Date of Decision : 19.12.2024**

VARKHA RANI @ VARKHA

.....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Kamboj, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Rubal Pawar, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. On 19.11.2024, this Court had passed the hereinafter
extracted order, upon the instant petition:-

“1. Through the instant petition, as instituted under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023, the petitioner seeks the concession of pre-arrest bail, in case FIR No.133 dated 25.09.2024, under Sections 379 and 120-B of the IPC, registered at P.S. Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, the present FIR suffers from the vice of delay, inasmuch as, the alleged theft took place on 08.05.2024 but the present FIR was registered on 25.09.2024. He further submits that, the petitioner has already disowned her brother, who is alleged to be one of the main accused behind theft of the vehicle. Moreover, the only allegation against the petitioner is that, she helped the main accused to commit the theft.

3. Notice of motion for 17.12.2024.

4. Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab.

5. In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation and to appear before the investigating agency, as and when called upon to do so. In the event of her arrest, she shall be admitted to interim bail on her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023. ”

2. Today, the learned State counsel has, on instructions imparted to him by ASI Balwinder Singh, stated that pursuant to the making of the hereinabove extracted order, the petitioner(s) had joined investigation and she is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of the above, the hereinabove extracted interim order dated 19.11.2024, is hereby made **absolute**, subject to the hereinafter extracted conditions:-

- “(i) the petitioner(s) shall not commit an offence similar to the present offence;
- (ii) the petitioner(s) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case;
- (iii) the petitioner(s) shall make himself/herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.”

4. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

5. Needless to say that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

6. All pending application(s), if any, also stand **disposed** of accordingly.

December 19, 2024
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No