

[231] IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-63364-2023
Date of Decision : 08.02.2024

Ekta Sharma ...Petitioner

versus

State of PunjabRespondent

Coram : **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

Present : Mr. Gaurav Grover, Advocate with
Ms. Charu Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

[1] The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.383, dated 22.11.2019 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 506 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.8, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

[2] Status report by way of affidavit dated 08.02.2024 of Shri Jatin Bansal, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, on behalf of the respondent-State along with custody certificate dated 07.02.2024 have been filed in Court today. Copies thereof supplied to learned counsel opposite.

[3] It is alleged that main accused are Arun Kumar and Vikas Kumar, who used to target innocent persons and allured them to invest in insurance policies and encash the same by making fake bank accounts by way of impersonation.

[4] The attribution to the petitioner is that on the asking of the main accused Arun Kumar and Vikas Kumar, she used to call the people along with other co-accused.

[5] It is conceded by learned State Counsel that except the attribution to the petitioner that she used to call people, there is no other allegations against the petitioner. It is also conceded that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

[6] Apart from above, co-accused Kiran Bala has already been allowed bail by this Court vide order dated 05.02.2024 in CRM-M-60897-2023.

[7] As per the custody certificate the petitioner is in custody for the last 04 months and 22 days, though she is involved in 04 other cases of similar nature.

[8] Having regard to the nature of allegations against the petitioner, and the fact that case in question is triable by the Magistrate and trial may take time to conclude, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

08.02.2024
'Rajneesh'

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