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

CRM-M-3398-2025**Date of Decision: 06.03.2025**

Sonia Aggarwal

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. S.K.Garg Narwana, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sukesh Kumar Jindal, Advocate
Ms. Sonia Bohat, Advocate and
Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 4832 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.27 dated 14.12.2024 registered under Sections 7, 7-A and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 read with Section 61 of BNS, 2023, at Police Station Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rohtak.

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner has vehemently argued that even though, the petitioner has been named in the FIR, but she did not accept any bribe from the complainant and no recovery was effected from her. He further contends that the money was allegedly demanded and accepted by Kulbir Singh, co-accused with whom, the petitioner had no concern. Even a raid was allegedly conducted on 14.12.2024 and Kulbir Singh was apprehended by the police, who stated that he had allegedly accepted the bribe on the asking of the present petitioner. Learned Senior counsel further submits that the



petitioner was arrested in the present case on 14.12.2024 and is in custody for the last about 03 months. The investigation is complete in all respect and the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented before the competent Court of law.

3. On the other hand, reply by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Unit at Sonipat has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State in Court today and the same is taken on record. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that she is involved in a serious crime. However, he admits that the petitioner is the first offender and was never involved in any other criminal activity. He further submits that the police has recovered an audio recording and as per the said audio recording, the petitioner had also demanded a bribe from the complainant.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 14.12.2024 and is in custody for the last almost 3 months. The investigation has already been completed and the challan has been presented before the Competent Court of law. Even the voice sample of the petitioner has been taken by the police and the involvement of the petitioner is yet to be established by the prosecution before the trial Court by way of leading evidence. Even, there is no material to indicate that the petitioner is in a position to influence the witnesses of the prosecution.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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