



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.49506 of 2024
Date of decision:04.02.2025

MONA PURI

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr.Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 257, dated 30.08.2024, Police Station RPF, Jalandhar, registered under Section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989.
2. Vide order dated 03.10.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 03.10.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against her vide FIR No. 257, dated 30.08.2024, Police Station RPF, Jalandhar, under Section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989.

The allegations, in nutshell, are that the petitioner is authorized for booking of railway e-tickets. However, she had been selling e-tickets which had been generated through personal or other private IDs.

Upon a query made to the learned State counsel, it was informed that the authorized agents can legitimately issue “General” tickets only and are not authorized to issue ‘Tatkal’ tickets, but the



petitioner had been issuing tatkal tickets which were generated through personal or other private IDs.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that she has falsely been implicated in the present case and that there is no evidence to connect her with the occurrence in question. It has further been submitted that the petitioner is a lady and has a clean record. Leaned counsel has further submitted that the matter in any case is based on documentary evidence which the police can easily access from their official website and computer records.

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Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 24.01.2025 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 03.10.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

(MANISHA BATRA)

JUDGE

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