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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23615-2021 Date of decision-30.07.2021

BABBLI KAUR

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Judgepreet Singh Warring, Advocate

for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.24 dated 23.04.2021 under Sections 307, 353, 186, 341, 148, 149, 427 Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Kotfatta, District Bathinda. The petitioner apprehended her arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 21.06.2021, whereby while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

> "Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions. Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. praying for grant of anticipatory bail to the

petitioner in case FIR No.24, dated 23.04.2021, under Sections 307, 353, 186, 341, 148, 149, and 427 IPC, registered at Police Station, Kotfatta, District Bathinda.

It has been contended that the petitioner was never named in the FIR but due to mala fide intention, her name was later on added vide DDR No.26 dated 27.04.2021. The contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioner has not been controverted by learned State counsel.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr.Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

List on 30.07.2021.

In the meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. She shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.:-

- (i) That the petitioner shall make herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so.
- (ii) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
- (iii) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court."

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted herself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by SI Dharam Pal does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and she is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim

bail granted by this Court vide order dated 21.06.2021 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ) JUDGE

30.07.2021

Vipin kumar Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes No

Whether Reportable: Yes No