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

CRM-M-14896-2025

Date of Decision: 24.03.2025

Seema @ Preet and another

...Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail to them in case FIR No.31 dated 29.05.2024 registered under Sections 370, 34, 120-B of IPC, at Police Station Sadiq, District Faridkot.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioners has referred to the order dated 27.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), passed by this Court, whereby the concession of bail has been granted to Kuldeep Kaur and Ranjeet Singh, co-accused in the present case. He further contends that the allegations in the present case are false on the face of it. The petitioner No.1-Seema @ Preet was arrested on 12.06.2024, whereas, petitioner No.2-Sarbjeet Kaur was arrested on 07.06.2024. Even the challan has already been presented against them and the prosecution has not been able to examine even a single witness.



3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioners and they do not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. In the present case, the complainant has alleged that her newly born girl child was taken away by the accused fraudulently. Even both the petitioners were arrested in the present case in June, 2024 and are in custody for the last more than 09 months. Similarly placed co-accused, namely, Kuldeep Kaur and Ranjeet Singh have already been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 27.02.2025 (Annexure P-2). Thus, the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time and further custody of the petitioners will not serve any meaningful purpose.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail subject to their 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