

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

CRM-M No.16459 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : 11.6.2015

Sumer Chand

.. Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal

Present: Mr. Y.P. Malik, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of bail pending trial. The petitioner is an accused in FIR No.172 dated 20.6.2012 registered under Sections 302/34/120-B IPC at Police Station Madhuban, District Karnal, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted he is in custody since June 30, 2012. Only charge against the petitioner is under Section 120-B IPC. Charge under Section 302 read with Section 34 IPC has been framed against Pardeep and Mannu (declared proclaimed offender). The other accused against whom charge under Section 120-B IPC was framed, namely Dalel Singh and Reena, Satwanti and Neeraj have been granted bail by this Court vide orders dated 20.8.2013, 22.8.2014 and 14.11.2014 passed in CRM-M No. 39469 of 2012 Dalel Singh vs State of Haryana, CRM-M No. 12596 of 2014 Satwanti vs State of Haryana and CRM-M No. 32304 of 2014 Neeraj vs State of Haryana, respectively. The trial is not proceeding, as in November, 2014, when the bail application of Neeraj was allowed, it was noticed that 14 witnesses out of 34 witnesses had been examined. The status even as on today remains the same.

Learned counsel for the State submitted that in the case in hand, the petitioner along with other accused had murdered his daughter-in-law to deprive her share in the property, as son of the petitioner had already expired. There was motive behind the murder. The petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail. Only 14 witnesses out of 34 witnesses have been examined. The next date of hearing in the present case is 24.7.2015.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and considering the fact that four other accused, namely, Satwanti, Dalel Singh, Neeraj and Reena, against whom charge was framed only under Section 120-B IPC, have been granted bail by this Court, in my opinion, the petitioner also deserves the concession of bail pending trial. He is directed to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Karnal.

The petition stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

11.6.2015

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