

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

CRM-M-34606-2016

Date of Decision: October 04, 2016

Manjinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (Oral)

The petitioner on the basis of circumstantial evidence has been accused of having committed the murder of his wife, namely Mandeep Kaur, during her visit to her paternal home on the occasion of *Rakhi*. She was allegedly strangled, when she had gone to the fields to answer the call of nature. The petitioner has been involved in the case on the basis of extra judicial confession

made by him before Sarpanch, namely Paramjit Singh, to the effect that he, along with Sukhwinder Singh, had called his wife out of her house, on telephone, and murdered her. He was also last seen by Satnam Singh and Gursewak Singh.

No doubt, the circumstantial evidence is considered to be a weak evidence, but I am of the opinion that by granting bail to the petitioner, the chances of tampering with the said circumstantial evidence cannot be ruled out.

In view of the above, the petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction that in case, the entire prosecution evidence is not produced within a period of five months after the next date of hearing, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

In case any subsequent event errupts on account of any witness having made any deposition favouring the petitioner, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court, before the said period, for the grant of bail.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No