

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-37358 of 2017
Date of Decision: 11.10.2017

Sonia Rani

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.39 dated 13.04.2017 under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Sadar City Rampura, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegation against the petitioner is that she had developed illicit relationship with Harwinder Singh whereas her co-accused Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur was having illicit relationship with deceased Kuljit Singh. After some time, the petitioner along with her co-accused started blackmailing Kuljit Singh and Harwinder Singh in order to take hefty amount from them, due to which, Kuljit Singh and Harwinder Singh consumed some poisonous substance, as

a result of which, Kuljit Singh died but Harwinder Singh survived. The petitioner is in custody since 15.4.2017. Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that co-accused Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur has already been granted regular bail vide order dated 24.08.2017 passed in CRM-M-30248-2017 *Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur v. State of Punjab*.

On the other hand, learned State counsel does not dispute the custody of the petitioner and the fact that co-accused has already been admitted on regular bail. However, he states that since the petitioner along with co-accused Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur was blackmailing the deceased and Harwinder Singh, the petitioner is not entitled for bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

As per the FIR, the petitioner had illicit relationship with Harwinder Singh and the co-accused namely Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur was having illicit relationship with Kuljit Singh. On account of blackmailing by the petitioner and her co-accused Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur, Kuljit Singh and Harwinder Singh consumed some poisonous substance. Though Harwinder Singh survived but Kuljit Singh had died. Admittedly, co-accused Raju @ Rajwinder Kaur has already been granted bail by this Court. It has further been reported that out of total 12 witnesses cited by the prosecution, no PW has been examined so far. Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 15.04.2017 and trial in the case may take long time, I deem it appropriate to release them on regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail, subject to furnishing of their bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

Needless to say that the observations made hereinabove shall
not be construed as any expression on the merits of the case.

October 11, 2017
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No