

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

CRM-M-39262-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 30.10.2017

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. Oral

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.100 dated 02.06.2017, under Sections 302, 307 and 498-A, of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Nehianwala, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner urges that the petitioner is entitled for grant of regular bail as he has been in custody from 09.06.2016 in which the investigation is complete and the charges have been framed. It is contended that the deceased herself made a statement as to how she received burn injuries before the doctor and there were no such allegations that she had been subjected to any cruelty at the hands of her husband. It is also argued that co-accused i.e. his mother, mother-in-law of the deceased has already been granted regular bail by this Court and therefore on the scale of parity, he be also allowed regular bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State objected to grant of regular bail by stating that there is a specific allegation in the FIR against the petitioner.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case.

The trial is likely to take some time and no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind the custody. Hence, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, but while noting that this Court had allowed regular bail to the co-accused on the similar facts, the petitioner herein is ordered to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is, however, made clear that anything expressed herein is only for the purpose of granting bail and not to be construed as an opinion on the merits of the case.

30.10.2017**Divyanshi****(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No