

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

Crl. Misc. M-29290 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 20, 2018

Raj Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Bhupinder Gupta, Advocate for
Mr. Gursimran Singh Madaan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Senior 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.224 dated 07.09.2017, under Section 306 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein, who is the father-in-law of the deceased, was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR in the month of September, 2017. It is submitted that the allegations as set in the FIR are not sustainable. It is argued that there is a suicide note which has been recovered, which is in the handwriting of the deceased, in which she has not implicated any one. It is also submitted that son of the petitioner namely Anil Kumar (husband of the deceased) has

already been granted regular bail by this court in CRM-M-6800 of 2018. It is also contended that all the material witnesses have been examined and conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that all the material witnesses have been examined and that co-accused has already been granted regular bail by this court, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

July 20, 2018

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No