

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.210

CRM-M-31732-2017

Date of decision : 04.07.2018

Gurmeet Singh @ Lakhi

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. K.B.S. Mann, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.66 dated 25.07.2016, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Section 302 IPC.

As per the prosecution case, the petitioner is accused of murdering his wife by smothering her with a pillow.

Status report dated 03/04.07.2018, by way of affidavit of Gopal Chand, PPS, DSP (R), Bathinda, has been filed in Court today and the same is taken on record. According to this report, the medical examination of the viscera as well as the opinion of the doctor does not show whether the deceased was poisoned or smothered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 27.07.2016 and till now the police investigation has failed to connect him with the crime.

Learned State counsel however, submits that the petitioner has admitted to have smothered his wife. Moreover, only one prosecution witness remains to be examined on 09.07.2018. The trial is near completion and at this stage, the petitioner does not deserve to be granted regular bail.

Keeping in view the fact that the trial is near in completion, I do not deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner, at this stage. The prosecution is directed to ensure that only the remaining one prosecution witness is examined on 09.07.2018 positively. The trial Court is further directed to decide the case within a period of eight weeks from today.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

04.07.2018

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No