

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

CRM-M No.40187 of 2018

Date of decision: 16th November, 2018

Deepa Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent No.1/State.

None for respondent No.2.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Allegations against the petitioner Deepa Singh in this anticipatory bail application under Section 438 Cr.P.C. are that a marriage between the deceased Harpreet Kaur and accused Balihar Singh took place on 16.10.2012 and it is alleged that during the course of their matrimonial life, a dispute had arisen and as a consequence of which on 03.03.2018 the deceased is alleged to have committed suicide by hanging with means of a hook leading to registration of the present case. The allegation against the petitioner is that he along with co-accused was instrumental in death of the deceased on account of demand of dowry.

Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate has inter alia contended that during the course of investigations, the petitioner was found innocent and placed in column No.2 and has now

been subsequently summoned with the aid of Section 319 Cr.P.C. and that the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future.

On behalf of the State, the same is sought to be opposed by Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from ASI Gulzar Singh from Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur on the grounds of heinousness of the offence and seriousness of allegations together with the apprehension of the State that if allowed bail the petitioner might influence the witnesses, and has sought dismissal of the same.

Appreciating the submissions, the petitioner has been found innocent during investigations and it is subsequently with the aid of Section 319 Cr.P.C. has been summoned as an additional accused, therefore, the culpability if any shall be determined at the trial which will take a long time to conclude and sending the petitioner behind bars would be a travesty of justice.

In view thereof, the orders of interim bail dated 13.09.2018 passed by this Court are hereby made absolute on the same terms and conditions. The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

November 16, 2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No