

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

Crl. Misc. M-51866 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: December 03, 2018

Sikander Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, 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.60 dated 04.07.2018, under Section 306 of Indian Penal Code (offence under Section 304-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Cantt. Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein contends that the petitioner, who is the brother-in-law of the deceased, was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 04.07.2018. It is argued that the only allegation set out in the FIR is that the deceased Rajvir Kaur committed suicide on account of being fed up with her in-laws, as they wanted to sell joint land in order to send family members to a foreign country. It is submitted that

husband of the deceased has already been allowed regular bail by this court in CRM-M-40477-2018. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented and charges have been framed 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. However, does not dispute the fact that husband of the deceased has already been allowed regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 04.07.2018, that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented and charges have been framed and that husband of the deceased has already been allowed regular bail, 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.

December 03, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No