

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

Crl. Misc. M-9688 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: March 23, 2018

Saroj Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Anju Arora, Addl. AG 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.342 dated 25.10.2017, under Sections 304-B, 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 02.11.2017. It is argued that the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that there are general allegations against the petitioner herein, who is the mother-in-law of the deceased and the husband of the deceased is already in custody. It is also contended that statement of the complainant has been recorded and conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore,

the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

At this stage, Mr. Gitish Bhardwaj, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and files the power of attorney, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer as well as counsel for the complainant oppose the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences against the petitioner are serious in nature. However, they do not dispute the fact that statement of the complainant has been recorded.

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 02.11.2017 and that statement of the complainant has been recorded, 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.

March 23, 2018

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No