

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

Sr. No.218

**CRM-M-56220 of 2018 (O&M)  
DECIDED ON: December 20, 2018**

**MANJINDER SINGH @ MANI**

**..PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**...RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

Present: Mr. Ish Puneet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

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**SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.161, dated 06.08.2018, under Section 302 IPC, registered at Police Station GRP Jalandhar.

The deceased is a girl namely Poonam. Her body was discovered on the railway track on 04.08.2018. The aforementioned FIR was got registered on the complaint of the father of aforementioned Poonam.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and deceased Poonam were in love with each other. She committed suicide because her parents were against the relationship. The petitioner has been falsely implicated just to get even with him. He has been in custody since 06.08.2018. The investigation is complete. But the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as charge has not been framed as yet. Thus, the petitioner may be released on regular bail.

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Learned State counsel opposes the prayer on the ground that an eye-witness has come forward to state that he saw a boy pushing a girl before a running train. The petitioner has been identified by him in a test identification parade conducted by the police. In case, the petitioner is released on bail, he is likely to try and influence the said witness. Thus, the present petition be dismissed.

The petitioner is working as a security guard and is employed by an Agency known as International House Keeping and Maintenance Service. The said agency has issued a certificate dated 07.08.2018 (P-3) certifying that the petitioner was present in the branch of HDFC Life Insurance, Jalandhar from 11 am to 4.15 pm on 04.08.2018 and that he closed the branch at 4.15 pm. Thus, the petitioner appears to have a valid alibi. The prosecution also accepts that there was a relationship between the petitioner and deceased Poonam and thus, the presently, there does not appear to be any motive for him to kill her.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, at Kapurthala. This is subject to further condition that the petitioner shall mark his presence in the concerned police station after every three days till the examination of the eye-witness is complete.

**December 20, 2018**

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No