

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

Sr. No.215

CRM-M-626-2019

DECIDED ON: March 06, 2019

RAJVINDER KAUR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 195 dated 23.09.2017 registered under Sections 302, 120-B IPC, at Police Station Hatur, District Ludhiana.

Status report dated 05.03.2019 has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 27.09.2017. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 07 PWs have been examined out of a total of 21 PWs. The material witnesses stand examined. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and thus, he may be granted regular bail as there is no likelihood of her interfering with the trial.

Custody certificate dated 06.03.2019 prepared by Ms. Damanjit Kaur, Superintendent, Women Jail, Ludhiana, Prison, has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. According to the custody certificate,

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the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year, 05 months and 03 days and there is no other criminal case pending against her.

Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner, in connivance with the main accused namely Pardeep Singh murdered Satnam Singh (fiance of the petitioner). The crime was committed so as to remove Satnam Singh from the scene as the petitioner and the main accused were involved in a love affair. During the course of the investigation, evidence has been un-earthed to show that deceased Satnam Singh was last seen in the company of the main accused Pardeep Singh. There are call records also available with the Investigating Agency to show that the petitioner was regularly in touch with said Pardeep Singh and therefore, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner is a conspirator of the crime, is not stated to be the actual perpetrator thereof. Thus, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is a woman as well as the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to release her on regular bail. Admittedly, there is no other criminal case pending against her.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, at Ludhiana.

March 06, 2019

Ankur

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**