

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7733-2019

Date of Decision:27.02.2019

Mandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, D.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this 2nd petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.93 dated 09.07.2018 under Sections 306, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Batala, District Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the earlier petition filed by the petitioner i.e. CRM-M-54204-2018 seeking regular bail was dismissed as withdrawn on 13.12.2018. He has argued that the deceased is mother-in-law of the petitioner, who died without leaving any suicide note. There is no allegation against the petitioner that he ever prompted her to commit suicide in any manner. The only allegation against the petitioner is that he has raised a demand of ₹70,000/- from the deceased so as to go abroad, but that money was never given to him. The other co-accused Daljit

her to send the complainant to her matrimonial home, has already been released on anticipatory bail. Petitioner is in custody since 26.09.2018. Trial in the case will take sufficient long time, therefore, no useful purpose would be served to keep the petitioner behind the bar when the investigation in this case is already over.

Learned State Counsel on instructions from ASI Rachpal Singh does not dispute the custody period.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 26.09.2018, the deceased committed suicide without leaving any suicide note, culpability of the petitioner is yet to be established during the course of trial. Moreover, trial in this case will take sufficient long time, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail, subject to furnishing of his bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not try to influence any prosecution witnesses directly or indirectly in any manner.

February 27, 2019
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No