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

CRM-M-32699-2019

Date of decision: 05.11.2019

SUKHDEV SINGH

... Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, pending trial, in case FIR No.0072 dated 08.06.2019 registered under Section 304 B of IPC at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa.

The petitioner is father-in-law of the deceased Veerpal Kaur @ Pali. The deceased is stated to have died by hanging within 1 ½ years of her marriage.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that there is no allegation against the petitioner, who is father-in-law of the deceased, except that he had dropped the deceased to her parents' house. Moreover, the wife of the petitioner, namely, Sukhwinder Kaur @ Murti Kaur had died during the pendency of the trial. The petitioner was granted interim bail by this court in **CRM-25207-2019 in CRM-M-32699-2019** titled as ***Sukhdev Singh Versus State of Punjab***, vide order dated 27.08.2019 on account of death of his wife. Thereafter, the petitioner surrendered before the jail authorities on 10.09.2019 and during this period, he never misused the concession of bail

as no prosecution witness has been threatened/influenced by him. Even otherwise, the petitioner is in custody since 30.06.2019.

Learned State counsel has argued that the deceased was married with the son of the petitioner on 18.01.2018 and she died on 07.06.2019 though by hanging. The trial in the case has not begin with as charge has not been framed.

I have heard counsel for the parties.

The petitioner is in custody since 30.06.2019. The trial is not likely to be culminated in the near future as no witness has been examined and even charge has not been framed. There is no allegation against the petitioner that he harassed the deceased. He has not misused the concession of interim bail granted to him by this Court vide order dated 27.08.2019. Thus, 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 his furnishing 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 influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No