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

CRM-M-38700-2019

Date of decision: 18.10.2019

SEETA RANI

... Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Pardhuman Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, 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.156 dated 11.06.2019 registered under Sections 306/34 of IPC at Police Station Sadar, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Petitioner-Seeta Rani is the mother-in-law of the deceased-Karamvir Kaur. As per the FIR, the deceased has studied upto M.A. Psychology and after completing her studies, she got employed in a private hospital at Fatehgarh Sahib where she acquainted with Sandeep Singh Bassi (son of the petitioner). Sandeep Singh Bassi told the daughter of the complainant that he is a permanent resident of Canada and in case she would marry him, then he would take her also to Canada. The deceased discussed all this with her family members and thereafter, the complainant went to Khanna and talked to Sandeep Singh and his mother Seeta Rani (petitioner

herein). Accordingly, the marriage was solemnized on 22.06.2018. The petitioner and her son came to the house of the complainant and informed that they are preparing the file of the deceased-Karamvir Kaur for Canada, therefore, Sandeep demanded Marriage Certificate, original passport, school certificate, aadhar card and Rs.2 lacs from the complainant. On their assurance, the complainant gave Rs.2 lacs and the required documents to Sandeep and his mother in the presence of Jagdev Singh, Numberdar. But Sandeep did not apply her papers for Canada. Thereafter, the deceased returned to her parents house in the month of February, 2019 and started living with them. The complainant called Sandeep Singh and enquired about further status as regard the file papers for Canada. Then Sandeep replied that he will apply soon and further asked the complainant to give Rs.15 lacs more so as to get the visa. Hearing all this, the complainant became perplexed and her daughter started remaining under depression. She kept on calling Sandeep that why he is demanding more money from her father as her father is not having enough money, but Sandeep remained adamant for demanding Rs.15 lacs.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that there is no allegation that she ever demanded Rs.15 lacs from the deceased or was instrumental for her depression in any manner. In fact, the allegation, if any, is against Sandeep Singh. Moreover, it was a dowry-less marriage as the deceased and Sandeep Singh were known to each other when the deceased was working in a hospital at Fatehgarh Sahib. The petitioner is in custody since 11.06.2019. The petitioner has nothing to do with regard to her depression, if any, rather the deceased has died in the house of her father and that too with the

revolver of her father.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Darshan Singh, does not dispute the custody and states that there is specific allegation of demand of Rs.2 lacs and the petitioner had gone to the house of the deceased to take certain papers to facilitate her visa and Rs.2 lacs and this money was entrusted to the accused.

I have heard counsel for the parties.

The petitioner is in custody since 11.06.2019 when deceased Karamvir Kaur committed suicide. The message sent by the deceased on the mobile of Sandeep Singh nowhere refers to any allegation against petitioner. Moreover, the deceased has died in the house of the complainant with the revolver of her own father. The culpability is yet to be established during the trial. 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 her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

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

18.10.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No