

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

Crl. Misc. M 809 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 5.3.2020

Puneet Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Deol, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Karan Jindal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Dr. Rao P.S. Girwar, Advocate,
for the complainant.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 108 dated 3.7.2019, under Section 304-B/498-A/34 IPC 1860 and Section 3 of the Domestic Violence Act 2005 registered at Police Station Kotwali, Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations of demand of dowry are totally false. The fact of the matter is the all the expenses during the marriage were incurred by the petitioner's father, namely Jagdish Chander and the petitioner is in possession of the bills of expenses. It is also submitted that from the photographs annexed with the

petition, it is quite evident that the relations between the husband and wife were cordial, which belies the prosecution story that the death of the deceased took place on account of cruelty and harassment meted out to her in regard to demand of a car. Apart from that, it is submitted that in fact a compromise has been entered into between the petitioner herein and the complainant. The trial is likely to take some time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars till the conclusion of the trial. He prays that the petitioner be admitted to regular bail.

Dr. Rao P.S. Girwar, Advocate, who has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant, admits the factum of the compromise and does not oppose to the prayer for grant of bail.

Without going into the merits of the case and keeping in view the compromise entered into between the parties, and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

5.3.2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No