

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

CRM-M-1483 of 2020.

Decided on:- July 27, 2020.

Jagdeep Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

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

Present:- Mr. Bipan Ghai, Senior Advocate with
 Mr. Paras Talwar, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.78 dated 12.08.2019 under Section 304-B read with Section 34 IPC registered at Police Station Jhander, District Amritsar.

Mr. Bipan Ghai, learned senior counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention of this Court to the affidavit dated 06.03.2020 of Kirpal Singh to contend that his daughter Ramandeep Kaur, who died on 12.08.2019 was never harassed by the accused for dowry and since he was under shock, the present FIR was registered on account of certain misunderstandings.

He has further submitted that in view of COVID-19 pandemic, trial in the case is not progressing and the petitioner is in custody since 12.08.2019. He further states that till the trial in the case begins with the petitioner be admitted on interim bail.

At this stage, Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and submits that he has instructions from his client not to oppose for the bail.

Learned State counsel is fair enough in submitting that trial in the case is not proceeding ahead due to COVID-19 pandemic and he has no objection in case the petitioner is admitted on interim bail till the trial begins.

Considering the affidavit of complainant, the petitioner is admitted on interim bail till the trial in the case begins subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall surrender before the trial Court on the date when the prosecution evidence will start.

Disposed of.

July 27, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No