

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

**CRM-M No.9229 of 2019
Date of decision:09.01.2020**

Kajal Mahant

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. P.S.Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.105, dated 30.12.2016 registered under Sections 302, 201, 120-B of IPC at Police Station Ghanaur, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner was arraigned as an accused on 17.08.2018 whereas, the FIR was registered on 30.12.2016. He has further submitted that he is in custody since 19.08.2018.

Learned State counsel has opposed the bail on the ground that FIR under Section 302 IPC has been lodged against the petitioner. He has further submitted that 7 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

Considering the fact that 7 prosecution witnesses out of 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the

petitioner in further detention. Moreover, the petitioner is already behind the bars for the last more than 1 year and 4 months. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

09.01.2020

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**(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No