

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-12876-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: July 20, 2020

SUKHPREET KAUR @ SUKHI

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr.Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.20 dated 04.03.2018, under Sections 302, 364, 201, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Nandgarh Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 20 days in registering the FIR. It is stated in the FIR itself that the body of the deceased was bathed and injury marks were seen but the complainant and other family members had cremated the body without any postmortem or informing the police. It is further alleged that one Paramjit Kaur had come to their house after 20 days of the occurrence and had informed them that the petitioner, her husband and other accused had taken away the deceased and forcibly administered chillies and he was severely beaten up which resulted in his death.

His body was thrown in the canal. No motive has been attributed to the petitioner. She is a lady with a minor child and is in custody for over two years.

Learned State counsel states that although the challan has been filed but none of the 24 prosecution witnesses has been examined. He also contends that the allegations against the petitioner are serious and, therefore, she is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

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In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner, who is a lady with minor child, is in custody for over 02 years, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 20, 2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No