

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-13015 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: November 09, 2020

Poonam Singla

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Vinod Ghai, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Kanika Ahuja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Pannu, DAG Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.233 dated 12.02.2020, under Section 304-B/34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* would contend that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 12.02.2020. Learned Senior counsel lays stress on the fact that there is no specific allegation against the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law of the deceased. It is argued that in fact a reading of the FIR would reflect that

there are general allegations against the petitioner herein and one Sahil Singla, the brother-in-law of the deceased with whom the petitioner was residing and who has been found innocent during the investigation. It is also argued that the petitioner herein is suffering from diabetic and hypertension, which can be comorbidities during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and trial is likely to take sufficient time to conclude, as such, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that there is a specific allegation that the petitioner herein had harassed the deceased on account of bringing inadequate dowry.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 12.02.2020; investigation is complete as the challan has already been presented and that because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, it will take sufficient time to conclude the trial, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the

same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

November 09, 2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No