

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

Date of decision: 11.06.2020

CRM-M No.13477 of 2020

Geeta

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Rajeev K. Kapila, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0015 dated 07.02.2020 registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur under Sections 304/404 IPC.

2. At the very outset, Mr. Kapila, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. In the FIR, the allegation is only against the co-accused Baljinder Kumar @ Vicky. She was neither present with the deceased nor she has aided in any manner in the death of the deceased. The petitioner is in custody since 7.2.2020 and that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

3. Per contra, Mr. Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab representing the respondent/State, though opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that the offence is serious in nature, but has nothing substantial to say.

4. Having heard Mr. Kapila and Mr. Sheokhand through video conferencing/WhatsApp [the only possible way due to the pandemic COVID-19 restrictions], I am of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars since the trial is likely to take some time. It appears to be a fit and proper case for grant of bail pending trial.

5. Accordingly, at this stage, without going into 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, any observation made by this Court shall not be construed to be an expression on the merit of the case.

11.06.2020
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No