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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14497-2020
Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Jaspreet Singh @ Jass

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. G.B.S. Dhillon, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.150 dated 04.10.2019, under Sections 302, 34, 120-B and 201 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

[2]. The petitioner, according to the FIR, is alleged to have been the paramour of Pushpinder Kaur, wife of the deceased Harwinder Pal Singh, who died a couple of months before an FIR was lodged by his mother at Police Station Sadar, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

[3]. It transpires that funeral/cremation of the deceased had taken place long before lodging of the FIR and that too in the presence of the complainant and her other family members. She, thereafter, alleged that her son was killed by her daughter-in-law in conspiracy with the present petitioner, after which, the FIR was drawn up and the petitioner arrested on

14.10.2019.

[4]. He has remained in detention ever since. Although, challan has been submitted yet it is undeniable that there is no forensic proof of the fact that the death of the victim was unnatural or caused in any manner by the petitioner or any of the other co-accused persons. There have been references to certain Audio clippings by the complainant in the FIR but it transpires that in the challan papers no transcripts of such clippings were annexed which could have indicated any complicity of the petitioner in any foul play, if at all, in this case.

[5]. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in detention for an indefinite period.

[6]. As such, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[7]. Disposed off.

10.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No