

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

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CRM-M No.14961 of 2020
Date of Decision :26.06.2020

Ranjeet Kaur @ Beera Devi

....Petitioner(s)

v/s

State of Haryana

....Respondent(s)

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Jimmy Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

[1] Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

[2] Prayer in the petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.141 dated 17.06.2019 registered under Sections 304-B, 34, IPC at Police Station SadarDadwali, District Sirsa.

[3] As per FIR, the case was registered on the statement of the father of the deceased that in the year 2015, marriage of his daughter was solemnized with Kewal Singh s/o Swaraj Singh by giving sufficient dowry but his daughters in-laws family used to taunt his daughter for bringing less dowry and also used to beat her on demand of dowry. From the marriage, a male child was born and at the time of birth of child, Kewal Singh demanded a motor-cycle but he was unable to give the same, therefore, the petitioner, her husband and son used to harass his daughter for bringing less dowry and that on 16.06.2019 at about 9.30

her husband was beating her on demand of dowry. Thereafter at about 6.00 PM his son in law called from his mobile and informed that his daughter had ended her life by hanging herself by hanging with chunni.

[4] Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations of demand of dowry are general in nature and further that there is no specific allegation of the petitioner beating the complainant's daughter.

[5] Learned State Counsel admits that investigation is complete, Charges have been framed and the case is fixed for trial on 7.07.2020 and out of 20 witnesses, none have been examined so far. He however states that the complainant is yet to be examined and in case the petitioner is released on bail, she can influence the witnesses.

[6] I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

[7] Learned DAG has not pointed out any specific attribution to the petitioner regarding demand of dowry nor has he been able to show that on 16.06.2019 at about 9.30 am the complainant's daughter was beaten up by the petitioner. Moreover, the investigation is complete and no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. The petitioner is the mother-in-law of the deceased and no specific allegation has been levelled against her. Investigation is complete and challan has been filed. However, none of the witnesses have been examined.

[8] In the light of the position as noted above as also the prevailing pandemic of Covid-19 situation in the country, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars, therefore, the petition for regular bail is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to

her furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the learned
CJM/trial Court/Duty concerned.

June 26, 2020
'Rajneesh/Amit/PS'

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No