

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-19390-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: October 12, 2020**

SUKHWINDER KAUR @ PARAMJIT KAURPETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.67 dated 23.05.2019 under Sections 304-B read with Section 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that the deceased was mentally upset on account of the demand of dowry by her in laws. The father of the deceased, who is the complainant, was informed on the night of 21.05.2019 that she has been admitted in the hospital at Doraha from where she was referred to CMC, Ludhiana. The complainant went to CMC, Ludhiana and learnt that she had expired. It was alleged that she had been administered some poisonous substance. He also contends that allegations against the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law, are vague and all the family members have been implicated. Co-accused Sarabjit Singh, who is the father-in-law of the deceased and co-accused Jagdish Singh, who is the brother-in-law of the deceased, have been granted bail by the Coordinate

Bench of this Court in CRM-M-7988-2020 and CRM-M-15583-2020 on 06.08.2020 and 14.07.2020 respectively. The petitioner is 56 years old lady and is in custody for over 09 months and 10 days.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Hardam Singh states that 01 out of 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He further contends that the allegations against the petitioner are very serious and she does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner, who is a lady, is in custody for over 09 months, aforementioned co-accused have been granted bail, 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

October 12, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No