

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

**CRM-M No.17355 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.21.07.2020
(Heard through VC)**

Lakha Singh

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. B.S. Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.100 dated 20.08.2018 under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased Kala Singh, who had consumed poisonous substance and had succumbed thereafter. It is submitted that a reading the FIR would show that Kala Singh was upset because he was saddened by his wife having an illicit relation with one Gosha Singh and felt that his father-in-law did not object to the same. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody since 27.02.2020. The investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to concession of bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the regular bail while contending that no ground is made out for granting concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the fact that the investigation is complete and challan has already been presented coupled with the fact that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude as due to COVID-19 situation, Courts are not working at their full strength and not taking up regular hearing matters, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind the bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

July 21, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No