

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

CRM-M-39097-2018
Decided on :25.02.2020

Gurmit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.8 dated 29.01.2018 registered under Sections 306 and 34 IPC at Police Station Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased Prabhjot Kaur. It has further been submitted that totally false and fabricated allegations have been levelled against the petitioner in connection with the dowry demand despite the fact that she had been residing mostly at her parental house. It has further been contended that no complaint qua any kind of harassment or torture was ever levelled against the petitioner prior to the lodging of the FIR in question.

Learned State counsel while opposing the bail application, on instructions from ASI Mangal Singh submitted that there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner of abetting the suicide of their daughter-in-law. She further apprised this Court that only complainant had

been examined out of 16 prosecution witnesses cited so far.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is behind bars since 14.08.2018 and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner in custody. In the circumstances, present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

25.02.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No