

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M No. 19690 of 2020

Date of decision : August 21, 2020

(Through Video Conferencing)

Gurjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present:- Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG., Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J (oral).

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 91 dated 22.7.2019 under Sections 304-B,34 IPC registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner who is husband of the deceased was falsely implicated in the FIR in question in the rush of emotions by the complainant-father on coming to know about the death of his daughter. He further contends that even as per the enquiry (Annexure P-2) which was conducted by the police following the death of the deceased, the allegations of demand of dowry against the accused was found to be without substance and infact it had been concluded in the enquiry that the deceased had hanged herself on account of a routine dispute between her and the petitioner-husband. He further contends that the petitioner is behind bars since 23.7.2019 and prosecution evidence is yet to commence.

Per contra, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Balwant Singh while opposing the grant of regular bail to the petitioner has not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the submissions so made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.7.2019 and due to the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19 the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No