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

**CRM-M No.24982 of 2020
Date of Decision: 28.10.2020**

SANDEEP KAURPetitioner
Vs
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.153 dated 22.05.2015, registered under Sections 302/201/34 IPC at Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the Petitioner is a lady. She is in custody since 25.05.2015. The prosecution evidence has been concluded and the case is fixed for defence evidence and arguments. Owing to the prevailing situation due to COVID-19 pandemic, further proceedings could not be undertaken by the trial Court. Petitioner has been implicated solely on the basis of her alleged extra-judicial confession before PW-2 Mohan Singh.

Learned counsel further submitted that statement of PW-8 Harkomal Singh cannot be relied against the petitioner as

witness is cousin brother of the deceased Inderjit Singh. Mother-in-law of the petitioner has not been cited as a prosecution witness. She always remained present in the house. The case relates to extra-judicial confession and the involvement of the petitioner on the basis of extra-judicial confession allegedly made before PW-2 Mohan Singh would remain debatable.

The aforesaid factual position could not be disputed by learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Nirmal Singh.

In view of aforesaid facts and in view of the situation arising out due to COVID-19 pandemic, without adverting to the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

Consequently, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

October 28, 2020	(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
<i>Atik</i>	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No