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

**CRM-M No.26098 of 2020
Date of Decision: 24.09.2020**

SANTOSH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Anuj Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Sehrawat, D.A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Rohit Rana, Advocate
for the complainant.

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.221 dated 26.08.2019, registered under Sections 304-B, 506 and 34 IPC at Police Station Israna, Panipat, Tehsil and District Panipat.

Petitioner is mother-in-law of the deceased. As per allegations, marriage of daughter of the complainant (Kavita) was solemnized with Monu son of the petitioner on 01.11.2018

according to Hindu rites and ceremonies.

Further allegations are that the petitioner also made illegal demands along with others. On 26.08.2019, Ravinder gave an information on mobile that Kavita was serious. When the complainant and his family members reached at the in-law house, they found that Kavita has been murdered by the accused by hanging her. Further allegations are that all the accused in connivance with each other killed Kavita for the lust of dowry.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that no avert act has been attributed to the petitioner except to allege that she along with others has demanded dowry including an amount of Rs.50,000/- and motorcycle. Petitioner is in custody since 14.09.2019.

Learned State counsel duly assisted by learned counsel for the complainant submitted that in an offence under Section 304-B IPC, mother-in-law has played active role by making demand of dowry along with others. Husband and brother-in-law of deceased i.e. brother of the petitioner are still in custody.

At this stage, without adverting to the merits of the case, keeping in view the factum of petitioner being lady aged more than 50 years and situation arising out of COVID-19

pandemic, I deem it appropriate to grant her regular bail.

In view of above, 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.

September 24, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No