

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

CRM-M-27040-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision : December 22, 2020

Hardeep Kaur @ Sonia

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.
(through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.198 dated 12.12.2019 under Sections 306 IPC, registered at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar (Rural).

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR has been registered at the instance of the father-in-law of the petitioner with the allegations that his son-in-law namely Ajay Sharma, husband of the petitioner committed suicide as the petitioner was putting pressure on her to take her share of the property to enable her to start a business of beauty parlour at Jalandhar. It is further submitted that no suicide note was recovered and the petitioner is in custody for the last 09 months. It is further submitted that challan stands presented and no witness of the prosecution has been examined as charges are yet to be framed.

Learned State counsel has filed the affidavit of the

Investigating Officer, Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District

Jalandhar (Rural) and has not disputed the factual position but opposed the prayer for bail.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, considering the aforesaid submission made by counsel for the petitioner and also in view of the fact that challan stands presented; the petitioner is in custody for the last 09 months; charges are yet to be framed and the conclusion of the trial will take long time due to COVID-19 situation, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail, subject to her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES / NO

Whether reportable : YES / NO