

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.29671 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision.18.06.2020
(Heard through VC)

Pankaj Wadhwa

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

-.-

JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

CRM No.13519 of 2020

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and
the main petition is taken up for hearing today itself.

CRM-M No.29671 of 2019

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail in
case FIR No.208 dated 04.05.2019 under Sections 304-B, 498-A, 34 IPC
registered at Police Station SGM Nagar, District Faridabad to the petitioner,
who is in custody in the aforesaid FIR since 04.05.2019.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that allegations
as set out in the aforesaid FIR are patently false and statement of the
material witness namely father of the deceased has already been recorded.
It is, however, argued that statement of the complainant itself does not
inspire confidence that the petitioner herein is guilty of the offence under
Section 304-B, 498-A and 34 IPC. It is further contended that there is one
minor child, who needs to be looked after, while further submitting that the

petitioner has been in custody for a long period of time and the trial is like to take some time to conclude.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the regular bail, who argues that no ground is made out for concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Since statement of the complainant i.e. father of the deceased has already been recorded and trial is likely to take some time to conclude as due to COVID-19 situation, Courts are not working at their full strength and not taking up regular hearing matters, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind the bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

June 18, 2020
Pankaj*

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No