

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

CRM M-38048 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: November 25, 2020

Jugan Chand		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner Jugan Chand has come in this second regular bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. moved in FIR No. 115 dated 19.10.2018 under Sections 302 and 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Sangrur, District Sangrur.

The brief allegations are that on account of amorous relationship between Jasbir Kaur wife of Nirmal Singh with

accused/petitioner Jugan Chand, a conspiracy was hatched. As a consequence of this conspiracy, the petitioner while sitting in Dubai managed to get Nirmal Singh murdered to facilitate his relationship with Jasbir Kaur, the latter happens to be the wife of younger brother of the complainant Pragat Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter-alia* contends that the petitioner was in Dubai and cannot be connected with the commission of the offence and that the co-accused have already been acquitted. It is stressed that the petitioner is behind the bars since a long time and due to Covid-19, the trial is not likely to be accomplished in near future.

Learned State counsel *inter alia* submits that substantial evidence has come on the record that non/applicant -co-accused Jasbir Kaur, Babanjeet Kaur, Dhanwant, Lakhwinder Singh @ Lovely and Hakam Singh Fouji had conspired at the behest of the petitioner and murdered the deceased by enacting a scene of crime which does not give rise to any suspicion. The learned State counsel has argued that it was a pre-planned murder and if allowed bail, the petitioner might influence the trial.

Appreciating the submissions, the previous bail application of the accused/petitioner after hearing the arguments was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 10.08.2020 by this Court on the prayer made by learned

counsel for the petitioner sensing that the Court is not inclined to grant the prayer. It is much in the evidence that it was on account of amorous relation between the petitioner and the wife of the deceased has led to this murder through contract killing.

The apprehension of the State is not unfounded. In view of the seriousness of the allegations and the offence no case is made out for grant of bail.

The petition, accordingly, stands dismissed.

November 25, 2020
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE