

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

CRM-M-55340-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.09.2020

Amit

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Rampal Verma, Advocate for
Mr. Ramesh Kumar Dhiman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 190 dated 22.08.2019 registered under Section 304-B/34 IPC at Police Station Julana, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is husband of deceased-Jyoti and the allegation against the petitioner and his family is that they were demanding the dowry. He further submits that the marriage function was organized by a Social Welfare Institution, thus, no question of dowry demand arises, nor there are such allegations against the petitioner-husband. In the FIR, only general allegations are levelled. It is further contended that out of 15 prosecution witnesses, only 2 witnesses has been examined by the prosecution, so far and if the trial goes at this snail's pace, there is no likelihood of the same to conclude in near future and two co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by the Sessions Court.

Additionally, the learned counsel for the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail on the ground of massive spread of Covid-19 cases.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while controverting the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the allegations against the petitioner are very serious and in case, he is enlarged on bail, every effort will be made by him to either tamper the evidence or win over the witnesses. Jyoti had died within 8 months of marriage by consuming poisonous substance at her in-laws house. However, he does not dispute the factum of examination of only 2 witnesses, out of 15 witnesses till date. The charges have been framed and the next date of hearing in the case before the Court below is 24.09.2020.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

As noticed above, deceased-Jyoti had died within 8 months of marriage at her in-laws house and the allegations are specific and serious in nature. The prayer of the petitioner for release on bail on Covid-19 ground does not have any merit either.

Therefore, I do not find any ground to grant him the concession of regular bail.

In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

09.09.2020

Mangal Singh

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No