

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-1248-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: March 01, 2021

MANDEEP KAUR

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.199 dated 22.12.2019, under Sections 365, 302, 201 and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Patti, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 01 year in registering the FIR. The FIR has been registered by the sister of the deceased wherein it is stated that the deceased was missing for over a year and she had learnt that the petitioner, who is the wife of the deceased, was having illicit relations with co-accused Varinder Singh @ Goldy and they had connived to kill her brother. The body of the deceased had not been recovered. The petitioner, who is a lady with three minor children, is in custody for over 01 year and 02 months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Sukhminder Singh states that although the challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He also contends that purse and Aadhar card of the deceased was recovered from the petitioner.

In view of the above, especially when it is a case of circumstantial evidence, there is a delay of over a year in registering the FIR, the petitioner, who is a lady with three minor children, is in custody for over 01 year and 02 months, Covid 19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

March 01, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No