

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

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CRM-M-10900-2021

Date of decision : 10.11.2021.

Ranjeet Singh @ Rana

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakesh Inder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.12 dated 27.02.2019 under Section 307 IPC (offence under Section 302 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had poured petrol on the deceased, who was his wife and set her on fire. He, however, contends that it is stated by the deceased herself in her statement that after she was set on fire, the petitioner himself had tried to extinguish the fire and sustained burn injuries. The petitioner called other people and after arranging a vehicle, took her to the hospital. She was taken to the hospital immediately after the incident on 26.02.2019 and later expired on 04.03.2019. Her condition was serious and the Doctor had advised ventilator support but her mother refused to give consent for intubation and ventilator on 28.02.2019. A copy of the refusal of consent is at Annexure P-3. He further contends that in the event of the patient having been put on ventilator support,

it is possible that she might have survived as she expired a week thereafter. It is also alleged that the petitioner being alcoholic used to have periodic fights with her. The petitioner is in custody for over two years and eight months and does not have criminal antecedents.

Learned State counsel, however, contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner and the statement of the deceased having been recorded in accordance with law, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail. He, upon instructions from ASI Judgepal Singh, states that 08 out of 24 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over two years and eight months, the 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 instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 10, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No