

CRM-M-21760-2021

Date of decision:07.06.2021

Raj Rani

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sitta, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Girish Agnihotri, J(Oral)

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

The petitioner-Raj Rani has filed the present petition inter alia with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.27 dated 28.02.2021 under Section 306 of IPC, registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that all the elder family members have been arrested. From the wedlock of the son of the petitioner, there are two minor children who are stated to be living with the family of the petitioner. She being 56 years old lady would be required to take care of the minor children. The trial is likely to take some more time.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ravinder Singh, submits that challan has been presented on 27.04.2021. There are 14 witnesses, none has been examined.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that she has been arrested on 01.03.2021 and has since completed more than 3 months of her custody. Then he submitted that due to the present COVID19 situation also, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to her life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the facts noticed above, the present situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No