

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

**CRM-M No.26230 of 2021 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 16.09.2021**

Rimpi

..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL**

Present: Mr. S.S. Sarwara, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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

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**Deepak Sibal, J. (Oral)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.16 dated 22.02.2021 registered under Sections 306, 323 148, 149, IPC, at Police Station Kheri Gandian, District Patiala.

The petitioner, who is the deceased's wife, is being prosecuted for having allegedly abetted her husband-Sonu's suicide.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; she is in custody since 23.02.2021; she has no other criminal case pending against her; investigation in this case is complete as the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been filed before the Trial Court; the main accused-Ravi has already been granted regular bail by the Trial Court; even if the case of the prosecution is taken as the gospel truth, though vehemently denied, no case of abetment under

Section 107 IPC is made out against the petitioner and that the petitioner's trial which is yet to begin, will take a long time to conclude.

Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner-the deceased's wife was having illicit relations with her neighbour-Ravi and when the deceased went to lodge the protest with regard to the same he was beaten up by Ravi and his family members; after a few days due to the illicit relations between the petitioner and Ravi as also the beatings/humiliation given to him by Ravi and his family members he committed suicide on 22.02.2021 and that since the petitioner is directly involved in her husband's suicide, she should not be granted regular bail.

Whether the alleged affair between the petitioner and co-accused Ravi as also the beatings/humiliation given by Ravi and his family members to the deceased would constitute "abetment" under Section 107 IPC would be debated during the course of the petitioner's trial. However, the petitioner who is a young lady aged 27 years has been in custody since 23.02.2021; she is not involved in any other criminal case; investigation in this case is complete; co-accused Ravi has already been granted regular bail by the Trial Court and that the petitioner's trial, which is yet to begin, will take a long time to conclude.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/ Duty Magistrate, Patiala, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**  
Sonia Puri

**(DEEPAK SIBAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No