

**226 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-29789-2020
Decided on : 19.08.2021

Bhago Bai

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. K.B.Raheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.47 dated 24.06.2020 registered under Sections 304-B and 34 IPC,1860 at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner, who is 71 years old lady, has been in custody since 25.06.2020 in a case of false implication. It has been submitted that deceased herself was unable to adjust in her matrimonial home; it was due to this, she ended her life and not due to any harassment on account of dowry demands as alleged. He further submits that there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future as only charges have been framed and that too only under Section 306 IPC. Hence, a prayer has been made for extending the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner has admitted that charges have been

framed under Section 306 IPC as the allegations to attract the mischief of Section 304-B IPC were not made out. He submits that there are specific and serious allegations against the petitioner of subjecting her daughter-in-law (deceased) to continuous harassment as she had not got sufficient dowry.

Heard.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner, who is a 71 years old lady, has been in custody since 25.06.2020. The trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future as per instructions received by the State counsel since prosecution evidence is likely to commence on 26.08.2021. The present petition is thus, allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

19.08.2021

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