

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

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**CRM-M No. 38812 of 2021
Date of decision :11.10.2021**

Geetanjali @ Guddi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for
Mr. Pardhuman Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 92 dated 18.07.2021 registered under Section 306/34 IPC at Police Station Division 3, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that no role has been attributed to the petitioner; that Rohit Kumar (deceased) was never instigated by the petitioner to commit suicide; that Co-accused Gopal Krishan @ Sunny has already taken decree of divorce under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act with mutual consent from Jyoti-the real sister of the petitioner. The allegation against the petitioner qua stealing of jewellery from the room of the deceased are uncalled for.

Per contra, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel states that the deceased Rohit Kumar was under pressure. Co-accused Gopal Krishan @ Sunny had already given a divorce to her sister Jyoti and was pressurizing the deceased to solemnize his marriage with the petitioner i.e. other sister of the deceased Rohit

before taking the divorce, the petitioner Geetanjali was started residing with Gopal Krishan @ Sunny.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

It is the case in which the petitioner is the real sister of the deceased Rohit Kumar who has asked her brother to solemnize marriage with Gopal Krishan @ Sunny who has further taken a divorce with mutual consent from her other sister-Jyoti.

The petitioner has been in custody for the last 2 months and 21 days. There is no suicide note in the present case. The petitioner is the real sister of the deceased. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Further, keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

11.10.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No