

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

CRM-M-34721-2020

Decided on : April 27, 2021

Neelam

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present : Mr. B.S. Rana, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Divya Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Prakash Chahar, DAG, Haryana

Ms. Raman Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 446 dated 22.10.2018 registered under Sections 304-B & 34 IPC at Police Station Indri, District Karnal.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is mother-in-law of Charanjeet Kaur (since deceased), whose marriage was solemnized with son of petitioner-Munish Kumar on 05.02.2018. He has pointed that the complainant-Surjit Singh has admitted in his cross-examination that the petitioner, who is the mother-in-law, had provided mobile phone to the deceased in the year

2018. It is further admitted that the deceased fell ill because of Dengue and her platelets had dropped. Learned senior counsel further states that there was no occasion for the family of the accused to harass the deceased and rather she was a nominee in the policy of her husband. The petitioner has been in custody since 23.10.2018 and co-accused i.e. her husband-Virender Singh has been enlarged on regular bail vide order dated 15.01.2021.

Learned State counsel assisted by Ms. Raman Sharma, Advocate for the complainant have stated that now fresh application was moved by the prosecution agency. The mother of deceased i.e. Jaspreet Kaur is yet to be examined. It has also been pointed out that out of 11 prosecution witnesses, only 4 have been so far.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 23.10.2018. Though the case is at the stage of evidence, yet the trial will take time to conclude, especially due to prevailing situation of Covid-19. Moreover, co-accused i.e. husband of the petitioner was granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 15.01.2021. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

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

April 27, 2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No