

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

CRM-M-36267-2020

Date of Decision: 17.02.2021.

RAJNI MEERA @ RAJNI

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Ms. Mannat Anand, Advocate,
for Mr. Deepak Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.34, dated 21.03.2020, under Sections 304-B and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the married sister-in-law of the deceased and has been falsely implicated in the case in question. She further contends that the petitioner was not even residing in the same house, hence there would have been no occasion for her to subject the deceased to any kind of harassment as alleged by the complainant, rather there was a marital discord between the deceased and her husband which led to the suicide of the former.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted, on instructions from SI Mohan Singh, that no doubt the petitioner was not living in the same house with the deceased but she was staying in the vicinity as her house was just half an hour's drive away. It has further been submitted that the deceased and her sister were both married in the same family. Many a times prior to the occasion in question, the daughters of the complainant were assaulted by the accused for dowry demand as a result of which the matter was reported to the Police also however, the accused continued to mentally and physically torture the deceased.

Heard.

Prima facie, there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner for which she does not deserve the concession of regular bail. In view thereof, the instant petition is hereby dismissed. However, it is clarified that any observation made hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression on the merits of the case.

February 17, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes /No.</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>