

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-46573-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 18.01.2021

MOHINI DEVI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.125 dated 23.05.2019, under Sections 306/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Salem Tabri, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the husband of the petitioner had committed suicide as he was allegedly harassed by the petitioner. He, however, contends that there is no suicide note and also there is no material to suggest that the petitioner had harassed the deceased with the intention to compel him to commit suicide. The FIR has been registered by the brother of the deceased due to strained relations with the petitioner. The petitioner is a lady with two minor children and she is in custody for over 1 year and 7 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Prem Singh, contends 1 out of 10 prosecution witness has been examined. Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year, 7 months and 22 days. He also contends that the allegations are that the petitioner was having illicit

relations with the co-accused and due to humiliation, the deceased had commit suicide.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above, especially when there is no suicide note, the petitioner is a lady with two minor children, she is in custody for over 1 year and 7 months, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

18.01.2021

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