

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

CRM-M-433-2022

Date of decision: 07.01.2022

Mona Rani**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present:- Mr. S. S. Majithia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0187 dated 24.11.2019, registered under Sections 406, 420 of the IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station City Nawanshahar, District S. B. S. Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was initially granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court, vide order dated 28.06.2021 passed in CRM-M-3631-2020, however, later on, she was declared a proclaimed offender by the trial Court, vide order dated 18.10.2021 and thereafter, she along with her husband/co-accused was arrested.

Learned counsel further submits that the investigation is complete and the case is now fixed for prosecution evidence and on 02.01.2022, husband/co-accused of the petitioner, namely Satpal Singh, had

died in PGIMER, Chandigarh, as per his death certificate Annexure P10.

Learned counsel further submits that there is no one in the house to perform the last rites of the husband of the petitioner and, therefore, she may be granted the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the factual position that the petitioner was initially granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court and when she could not appear before the trial Court, she was declared a proclaimed offender and was arrested. It is submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about three months. The factum of death of the husband of the petitioner is also not disputed, in view of death certificate issued by the PGIMER, Chandigarh.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, considering the facts that the conclusion of trial may take a long time as the case is now fixed for prosecution evidence and also in view of the fact that the husband/co-accused of the petitioner has died on 02.01.2022, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

07.01.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No