

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

**CRM-M-30666-2022  
Date of Decision: 09.09.2022**

**ANIK ... PETITIONER  
VS.  
STATE OF HARYANA .. RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present : Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bawa, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, DAG, Haryana.

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**VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.227 dated 18.05.2021 under Sections 304-B/34/ 498-A IPC registered at Police Station Meham, District Rohtak.

Custody certificate has been placed on record.

Briefly, the aforesaid FIR has been registered on the basis of the complaint submitted by Suman, the mother of the deceased, alleging that the marriage of the deceased was solemnized on 14.08.2019 with the petitioner. The deceased was given beatings by her in-laws on account of demand of dowry. She was given beatings even on 17.05.2021 and on the following day, the deceased has been strangled by her in-laws.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the complainant has been examined during the course of trial, but she has not supported the prosecution version. There are allegations to the effect that the deceased was given beatings a day prior to the occurrence but during the course of medico-legal examination, no injury except the strangulation marks could be found on her person. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 01 year, 03 months and 20 days and not involved in any other

case. At the initial instance, the petitioner alongwith his 08 other family members were arraigned as accused but challan has been presented against the petitioner, his brother and sister-in-law. The other two accused have been released on bail.

Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application on the score that there are serious allegations with regard to commission of dowry death attributed to the petitioner.

It may be mentioned here that Suman, the mother of the deceased, has not supported the prosecution version. It is emerging in her statement that the deceased was happy in the matrimonial house and having no problem. The petitioner and the other family members of her in-laws have been treating the deceased in a nice manner. It was the second marriage of the deceased as her earlier husband was having illicit relations and on that score, she used to remain mentally disturb and has committed suicide. Moreover, the petitioner is in custody for a period of 01 year, 03 months and 20 days and not involved in any other case. The co-accused are on bail. It has also been pointed out that out of 18, only 03 witnesses have been examined so far. As such, the conclusion of trial is likely to take time.

Keeping in view the circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, without making any observation on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate//Duty Magistrate.

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**(VIVEK PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | : Yes/No |