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

CRM-M-2633-2023

Date of Decision:- 28.03.2023

Renu alias Paramjit Kaur

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Rituraj Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Joshi, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner – Renu alias Paramjit Kaur has filed the instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 0155 dated 09.08.2021, under Sections 304-B, 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

The facts of the case are that the complainant- Sarabjit gave her statement to the police that she had performed marriage of her daughter i.e. the victim on 26.02.2021 with John Masih. She had given dowry as per her capacity. Soon after marriage John Masih (husband), Renu (Sister-in-law) and Toshi (mother-in-law) started taunting her daughter for bringing less dowry and raised demand for a motorcycle. She was not in a position to satisfy this demand. On 08.08.2021 at about 11:00 AM, she came to

know that her daughter i.e. the victim has ended her life by hanging. With these allegations present FIR has been registered under Section 304-B/34 of IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that she is falsely implicated in this case. She got married about 15/17 years ago, prior to the marriage of deceased victim. She had nothing to do in the matrimonial life of the victim and her husband. Challan is already presented and she is in custody since 10.08.2021. She is a mother of two children. It is prayed that her regular bail may be allowed.

Learned State counsel has filed the status report and has opposed the bail application. It is argued that the victim died within 5/6 months of her marriage in the matrimonial home. She was being harassed by her husband and other members of the family for bringing less dowry. The copy of DNA test report is also placed on record. It is argued that the victim was pregnant when she took this grave step. There are serious allegations against the present petitioner and the other co-accused. Therefore, they are not entitled to be released on bail.

I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. The petitioner is the sister-in-law of the victim, who was arrested in this case on 10.08.2021 and she is behind the bars for the last about one and a half year. It cannot be ignored that the statement of the mother of the victim is already recorded and she has not supported her own version. The statement is Annexure P-1. The trial of this case may take some time. The petitioner cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite time period. She is ready to abide by the terms of bail order. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of the case, the regular bail application

filed by the petitioner is allowed. She is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

The petition is, accordingly, accepted.

28.03.2023
Sunil Devi

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No