

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-23615-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 31.08.2023

Khushpreet Kaur @ Khushi @ Joti

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. J.S. Cheema, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.8 dated 04.02.2023, registered under Section 306 IPC at Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur.
2. Status report by way of affidavit dated 31.08.2023 of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Sunam, District Sangrur, submitted by the learned State counsel in the Court, is taken on record. Copy of the same has been handed over to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a lady and has falsely been implicated in the present case; that the other allegations against the petitioner are that she had conversations with Satnam Singh Satta (since deceased)-husband of the complainant; that the petitioner was pressuring the complainant to leave the matrimonial home; that the

petitioner wanted to marry Satnam Singh Satta (since deceased); that Satnam Singh Satta had committed suicide by hanging himself because of the acts of the petitioner; that the petitioner has no role to play in the alleged occurrence and there is no suicide note; that there is no other pending or registered case against the petitioner; that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.03.2023 and that only 01 out of 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

4. Learned State counsel, while vehemently opposing the prayer for bail, submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and in support of its case, the prosecution agency has placed on record the call details record with the challan. However, he does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner and there is no other pending or registered case against the petitioner. He submits that some of the material prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The petitioner, who is a lady, has been in custody since 03.03.2023. Though the allegations against the petitioner are that she had conversations with Satnam Singh Satta (since deceased) and she also pressurized the complainant to leave the matrimonial home as she wanted to marry Satnam Singh Satta and because of these acts of the petitioner, Satnam Singh Satta had committed suicide but the facts remains that there is no suicide note and remaining 15 prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. Therefore, the conclusion of the trial would take time. Moreover, there is no other pending or registered case against the petitioner. Hence, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

7. In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

31.08.2023
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No