

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

**CRM-M No.38203 of 2022
Date of Decision: 06.10.2023**

Manjeet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Bansal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

 Mr. Amrik Singh Narwal, DAG, Haryana
 for respondent No.1-State.

 Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate
 for respondent No.2-complainant.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein has sought the relief of regular bail in the criminal case arisen out of the FIR bearing No.0052 dated 17.05.2021 registered at Police Station Panjokhra, District Ambala, under Sections 120-B and 304-B IPC, with the allegations that she (petitioner), along-with her co-accused, had been harassing and maltreating her daughter-in-law named Navneet Kaur (since deceased and here-in-after to be referred as 'the victim') for bringing insufficient dowry and for demanding more dowry and ultimately, she (victim) died in her matrimonial home under suspicious circumstances.

2. Reply has already been filed on behalf of respondent No.1-State (by way of the affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ambala Cantt,

District Ambala), along-with Annexures R-1 to R-3 and the vernacular version of Annexure R-1.

3. Learned State counsel has submitted the Custody-Certificate of the petitioner in the Court today and the same is taken on the record.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and learned counsel for respondent No.2-complainant, in the present petition and have also perused the file carefully.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is an old lady and is behind the bars since the day of her arrest, i.e 21.05.2021 and the Challan has been presented and the Charges have been framed and even the testimony of the complainant has also been recorded by the trial Court and moreover, the petitioner is neither involved nor has been convicted in any other criminal case and to add to it, the co-accused (husband) of the petitioner named Kuldeep Singh, had already been granted the relief of regular bail by the Co-ordinate Bench vide the order dated 07.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) as passed in *CRM-M No.37449 of 2023* and in these circumstances, the petitioner deserves the relief, as prayed for in the instant petition.

6. Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but he and learned counsel for respondent No.2 oppose the prayer of the petitioner for the grant of the relief of regular bail.

7. However, keeping in view the above-discussed undisputed facts and circumstances and also the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take considerable time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the criminal case under reference, the petitioner named Manjeet Kaur is, hereby, ordered to be released on regular bail subject to her

furnishing the requisite personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No