

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

**CRM-M-60379-2023
Date of Decision: 06.12.2023**

AMRIK SINGH**... PETITIONER****V/S****STATE OF PUNJAB****... RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present: Mr. K.S.Hissowal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG Punjab.
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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 209 dated 18.12.2019 under Sections 304-B, 120-B, 34 IPC (Section 302 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Lalru, District SAS Nagar.
2. Custody certificate has been taken on record.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the marriage of the deceased was solemnized with Karamjit Singh on 27.04.2019. The petitioner was mediator in the marriage. The petitioner is having separate residence from the in-laws family of the deceased. The allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that he had been supporting the co-accused as the deceased was being harassed on account of bringing less dowry. The family members of the in-laws of the deceased had been raising demand of motor-cycle and the petitioner has no concern with the same. Even on the day of occurrence, the deceased had made a telephonic call to her mother alleging that her husband, father-in-law, mother-in-law have given beatings to her. There is nothing to indicate that the name of the petitioner was specified in any such communication. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 6 months and 27 days and not involved in any other case. The investigation of the case is complete and the challan has been presented in the Court.
4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application on the score

that the death has occurred within a period of about less than 8 months from the date of marriage. Specific allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and the co-accused with respect to harassment meted out to the deceased on account of demand of dowry. The cause of death is stated to be strangulation. The death has occurred otherwise than under normal circumstances.

5. It is significant to note that the petitioner was a mediator in the marriage and is having separate residence from the family of in-laws of the deceased. The petitioner may not be deriving any benefit from the demand of motor-cycle raised by the co-accused. The allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that he had been supporting the family of in-laws of the deceased who was being harassed for bringing less dowry. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 6 months and 27 days and not involved in any other case. The investigation of the case is complete and the challan has been presented in the Court. The conclusion of trial is likely to take some time and no fruitful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody.

6. As such, sufficient mitigating circumstances are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without making any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing fresh bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

7. The petition is allowed.

06.12.2023

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**(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No