



Sr. No.103+211
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-26387-2024 in/and
CRM-M-28087-2024
Date of decision: 05th July 2024

NARINDER PAL SINGH**Petitioner**

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Deepanjay Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. G.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the applicant-petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

CRM-26387-2024

The application has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for placing on record the statement of PW-2 Satnam Singh dated 20.05.2024 as Annexure A-1.

Keeping in view the averments made in the application, the same is allowed. The above-said document is taken on record as Annexure A-1, subject to all just exceptions.

CRM-M-28087-2024

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking regular bail in case FIR No.0132 dated 09.08.2023, under Sections 304-B, 34 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Dugri, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the first petition filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. was dismissed as withdrawn vide order

dated 21.03.2024 (Annexure P-4). The petitioner is in custody since 11.08.2023.



The FIR was got registered by the father of the deceased with the allegations that the petitioner (father-in-law of the deceased), Karamjit Singh (husband of the deceased) and their relatives have given beatings to the victim on account of demand of dowry. Ultimately, the victim committed suicide on 08.08.2023. It is further contended that the marriage of the son of the petitioner was solemnized with the deceased-victim on 20.09.2020 in a simple manner during the COVID-19 pandemic. The allegations against the petitioner are false. The son of the petitioner and the deceased-victim were actually leading a happy married life. The deceased was short-tempered and used to get angry on petty matters, as such, she has taken such an extreme step. After dismissal of the first petition seeking regular bail, there is change of circumstances. The statement of the complainant and other material witnesses (Annexures P-5 to P-7) has been recorded. The petitioner is a senior citizen and is having age-related health issues, as per the medical report (Annexure P-8). The co-accused/son of the petitioner namely Karamjit Singh has been granted regular bail by the trial Court vide order dated 06.06.2024, whereas, the wife of the petitioner namely Charanjit Kaur has been granted regular bail as per the order dated 21.03.2024, passed by this Court. Photocopies of the said orders have been submitted in the Court today, which are taken on record.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab and has filed custody certificate of the petitioner dated 04.07.2024, reflecting his period of sentence as 10 months and 23 days. Learned State counsel has confirmed that the prosecution witnesses have not supported their version while appearing as witness before the trial Court. The learned State counsel has further confirmed that there is no suicide note nor any dying declaration of the



deceased was recorded. Out of total 11 prosecution witnesses, only 04 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

5. I have considered the aforesaid contentions and perused the paper book.

6. Keeping in view the fact that there is no suicide note nor the dying declaration of the deceased has been recorded; out of total 11 prosecution witnesses, only 04 prosecution witnesses have been examined; conclusion of trial is likely to take some time; as such, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

05th July 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No