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AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 13.11.2024

RAMANDEEP KAUR
.....Petitioner
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB
.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. S.S. Rana, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

 Mr. Amit Rana, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.(Oral)

1. This is a petition filed by the petitioner seeking concession of regular bail in case FIR No.301 dated 11.12.2020 under Sections 365, 302, 506, 148, 149, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.
2. In compliance of order dated 19.09.2024, report of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangrur has been received. As per the same, only seven witnesses remain to be examined. On the last date of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner had, on the other hand, submitted that only 03 witnesses out of 30 cited by the prosecution, had been examined.
3. In the circumstances and as per the report received from the trial Court, there is no manner of doubt that the trial would be concluded very shortly. It has also been submitted by the learned trial Court that short



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adjournments are being given so that the trial concludes without any further delay.

4. Learned State counsel has also opposed the prayer made by the counsel opposite for extending the concession of bail to the petitioner. It has been argued by learned State counsel that the petitioner was the author of the FIR in question; she had fabricated the story to mislead the police by claiming that on 10.12.2020 when she along with her husband (hereinafter referred to as 'deceased') were taking a stroll outside the house after dinner, two vehicles came near them in which one Malkiat Singh was seated along with some others and thereafter they forcibly bundled her husband into the vehicle and after murdering him fled away from the spot. Learned State counsel has submitted that the occurrence in question, as per the petitioner, had taken place at 8.15 PM, however, strangely till about 2.40 AM, neither the petitioner reported the matter to the police nor did she make any attempts to bring the alleged abduction of her husband to the notice of her neighbours. Thereafter when the investigation was carried out, it came to light that the petitioner along with her pramour i.e. co-accused Ramandeep Singh had conspired and murdered the deceased and thereafter, dumped his dead body in a vacant plot. It has also been submitted, on instructions, by learned State counsel that during investigation, the statements of two witnesses of last seen had also been recorded, who had since been examined before the trial Court and supported the case of the prosecution. A prayer has, therefore, been made in the aforementioned facts and circumstances by



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the learned State counsel, more so, when the trial is nearing conclusion to dismiss the instant petition.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

6. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner as only seven prosecution witnesses remain to be examined out of 30 cited by the prosecution. Accordingly, the instant petition is dismissed.

7. At this stage, a prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner to direct the trial to expedite the trial and concluded at the earliest.

8. Learned trial is directed to make earnest efforts to conclude the trial at the earliest preferably on or before 31.01.2025.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No