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CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-64143-2023 (O&M)
Decided on:-22.02.2024

Amarjeet KaurPetitioner..

vs.

State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

CRM-8019-2024

Application is allowed as prayed for. Statements of witnesses appended along with the application as Annexures P-3 to P-10 are taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Be tagged at appropriate place.

Main case

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, prayer has been made for grant of regular bail pending trial, in case bearing FIR No.83, dated 23.11.2022, registered under Sections 304-B and 34 IPC, at Police Station Sadiq, District Faridkot.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated in the present case for having maltreated his daughter-in-law (sister of the complainant), besides demanding dowry from her, resulted into ending of her life.
3. On the other hand, prayer made herein has been opposed at the

against the petitioner and thus, prays for dismissal of the present petition.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book and find substance in the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

5. The investigation in the present case already stands concluded with the filing of challan, followed by framing of charges and neither of the prosecution witnesses, who have been examined so far i.e. PW-1 to PW-6 have supported the version of the prosecution.

6. In view of the above besides considering the facts that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for the last 01 year & 03 months and the trial is likely to take some time as almost 27 witnesses are yet to be examined as well as considering the age of the petitioner, who is 55 years old, I do not find any reason to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further.

7. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the trial, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

8. It is made clear that this order may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

22.02.2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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