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

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Date of decision: 31.10.2025

RAJPAL**...PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF HARYANA****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA**

Present: Mr. Navdeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Pal Singla, AAG, Haryana.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.309 dated 24.08.2018 under Sections 302, 120-B and 34 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Tauru, District Nuh.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this is the second bail petition as earlier petition of the petitioner was dismissed on merits by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 26.04.2024 passed in CRM-M-19691-2024. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 26.08.2018 i.e. for the last more than 07 years and prays for bail on the ground that the trial is still at the stage of prosecution evidence and is likely to take considerable time to conclude.
3. Status report by way of affidavit on behalf of the State and the custody certificate of the petitioner have been filed in the Court today and the same are taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel opposite.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that allegation against the petitioner is that he murdered his wife, who was having 08 months pregnancy

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and his bail application on merits was dismissed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 26.04.2024 passed in CRM-M-19691-2024. He further submits that there is no change in circumstances after dismissal of the bail application on merits. He further submits that out of 23 prosecution witnesses, 17 have been examined and the next date of hearing in the trial Court is fixed for 17.12.2025.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the contention of learned State counsel, the case is fixed for prosecution evidence; as such, the present petition stands disposed off with a direction to the Trial Court to expedite the conclusion of trial preferably within a period of 03 months and to proceed the trial on day to day basis from the next date of hearing fixed before it. If the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, then the petitioner would be at liberty to move an appropriate application seeking grant of bail before the Trial Court. Upon such application being filed, the Trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his furnishing requisite bonds to its satisfaction by imposing such conditions that his presence can be secured during the trial as the petitioner has been in custody for more than 07 years. It is made clear that if the delay in the trial is caused on the part of the petitioner/accused, then he shall not be entitled for the aforesaid relief.

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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