



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-70243-2025(O&M)

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LILA DEVI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Shalini Singh Nagpal

Present: Mr. Kanwar Abhay Singh, Advocate
for Mr. Govind Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kshitij Bharti, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 307 dated 10.09.2024 under Sections 3(5), 80 and 85 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Gadpuri, District Palwal. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Complainant Rajender Prasad Soni stated that he had five daughters and one son. His eldest daughter Nisha Kumari @ Pammi, aged 29 years, was married on 30.01.2020 with Prem Kumar Soni son of Suresh Kumar Soni. He had given dowry, more than his status, in the marriage. Yet, 2-3 months after the marriage, in-laws of Nisha i.e. mother-in-law Lila Devi, husband Prem Kumar, brother(s)-in-law Rahul Soni, Vicky Soni and father-in-law Suresh Kumar Soni thrashed his daughter and taunted her for bringing thin chain of gold from her parental home. When she had her first child, demands of gold chain and gold locket were raised and she was not



allowed to talk on the phone. They have given her the locket as well, after which all of them told his daughter to bring ₹2,00,000/- from her brother, who had lot of money. Nisha called them and informed about the incident. Many a times, he tried to prevail upon his son-in-law that they had no more money but to no avail. On 09.09.2024 at around 2.00 AM, he received a phone call on his mobile phone from Prem Kumar Soni, that Nisha had committed suicide by hanging. They reached Government Hospital Palwal. He claimed that his daughter was tortured for bringing insufficient dowry, on which account she committed suicide by hanging.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was 50 years old mother-in-law of the deceased in custody for the last 01 year and 15 days. Statements of complainant and his son had been recorded during the trial. He further submits that allegations against the petitioner in the FIR and in statement of witnesses recorded during trial were vague and general in nature and there was no specific attribution. As such, the petitioner deserved to be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Petitioner is behind bars for a period of more than 01 year. Main witnesses i.e. complainant Rajender Prasad Soni, father of the deceased and her brother Aman Kumar had been recorded. 15 witnesses are yet to be examined. Conclusion of trial, therefore is likely to take some time. Considering the period of incarceration undergone, nature and substance of allegations against the petitioner, her clean antecedents and the fact that trial is likely to take some time to conclude, besides other relevant facts and circumstances of the case, the petition is allowed. Petitioner-Lila Devi is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bail

bonds/surety bonds to the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate/trial Court concerned.

5. Pending CRM(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

11.02.2026
Ajay Goswami

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