

***IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH***

CRM No.M-10689 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision:28.04.2015

Veer Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. G.S. Bedi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil K. Chopra, DAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

This order shall dispose of the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking the concession of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.354 dated 27.12.2014 under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC (Section 302 IPC added later on qua the other co-accused, namely, Amandeep Kaur and Ramesh Kumar), registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Deceased in the present case is one Sukhwinder Singh, who is stated to have died on 16.07.2014. The complainant is Bahali Ram, father of the deceased. It has gone uncontroverted that during the process of initial investigation, no allegations had been raised and it is only upon a complaint having been submitted by Bahali Ram before the Punjab State Human Rights Commission that the instant FIR came to be registered. Allegations primarily are that daughter-in-law of the complainant i.e. wife of the deceased was having illicit relations with one Ramesh Kumar S/o Sohan

Lal. Daughter-in-law, Amandeep Kaur is alleged to have connived with Ramesh Kumar and others and killed Sukhwinder Singh. Further allegations are that the accused got two insurance policies of Rs.25 lacs each from Excide Life Insurance Company by furnishing false date of birth of deceased Sukhwinder Singh and thereby even cheated the insurance company.

Insofar as the present petitioner is concerned, he was stated to be working as Branch Manager of the Excide Life Insurance Company.

It is also the conceded position of fact that the two insurance policies never came to maturity and as such, did not fructify to the benefit of anyone. Offence under Section 302 IPC has been added later on only qua accused Amandeep Kaur and Ramesh Kumar.

The petitioner is in custody since 28.12.2014.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Gurdial Singh would apprise the Court that after completion of investigation, challan has been presented, but till date charges have not been framed against the present petitioner.

In an overview of the matter and without making any observations on the merits of the case, the present petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Accordingly, prayer is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate, Ferozepur.

Petitions stand disposed of.

28.04.2015

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**