

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

**CRM-M No.14565 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 08.10.2015**

Raj Kumar Malik and another

..... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Satish Saini, D.A.G. Haryana for the respondent/State
along with ASI Anil Kumar.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Dhillon, Advocate for
Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of petitioner No.1- Raj Kumar Malik (father-in-law) and petitioner No.2-Munni Devi (mother-in-law) of the complainant-Anju in case FIR No.73 dated 26.03.2015, under Sections 498-A, 506, 323, 354, 406, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Madlauda, District Panipat.

As per the allegations, the petitioners/accused (parents-in-law) along with his co-accused (husband of the complainant/wife) have caused acute harassment to the respondent/wife on account of dowry demands, resulting into the complainant going in severe depression since July, 2011.

Apart from the allegations of harassment in extorting dowry, there is allegation of attempt to outrage the modesty of the wife by her father-in-law

(petitioner No.1). Statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. has also been recorded to that extent.

The mediation proceedings have failed.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners has vehemently prayed for bail to both the petitioners by submitting that false allegations have been leveled merely to put pressure on the family of the co-accused (husband).

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Anil Kumar, states that keeping in view the allegation at least the father-in-law does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

Keeping in view the nature and gravity of the offence, the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of petitioner No.1-Raj Kumar Malik (father-in-law) is liable to be rejected, however, prayer for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of petitioner No.2- Munni Devi (mother-in-law) is liable to be accepted.

Accordingly, the present petition is partly allowed and interim order dated 06.05.2015 is made partly absolute qua petitioner No.2-Munni Devi.

Prayer for grant of anticipatory bail qua petitioner No. 1-Raj Kumar Malik is rejected.

Disposed of in the above terms.

October 08, 2015
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE