

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-17065 of 2015
Date of Decision: 10.07.2015**

Raju Bhola

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. APS Deol, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. H.S. Mavi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 CrPC is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.64 dated 29.3.2014 under Sections 406, 498-A IPC and Section 304-B IPC (added on 4.4.2015) registered at Police Station City Kharar, during the pendency of trial.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that Pooja wife of Tejinder Singh @ Binny is missing since 28.3.2014 and the factum of her whereabouts or death has not yet been known. However, a

missing report was made by her husband namely Tejinder Singh on 29.3.2014. The petitioner is father-in-law of Pooja and is in custody since 4.4.2015 and challan in the case has already been presented. Learned counsel further submits that the case of the petitioner is rather distinguishable from the case of the husband, as the petitioner has been residing separately from his son and daughter-in-law.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Harbhajan Singh, states that it is only on the basis of the statement of Ravi Kumar, father of the girl, which was recorded on 30.3.2015, the offence under Section 304-B IPC was added.

Taking into consideration the fact that the whereabouts of Pooja have yet not been established, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner to be admitted to regular bail, subject to his furnishing of bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

July 10, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE