

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-1991 of 2015

Date of decision: 27.01.2015

Smt.Vidya and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr. J.B.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.Nikhil K. Chopra, DAG Punjab

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not ?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)

It is alleged that one Sonia was married to Jaswant Singh on 29.12.2010. One son was born out of the wedlock on 20.11.2011. After marriage Jaswant Singh went to Muscot and came back to India in October 2013. Thereafter, he started working as security guard in DSM medicines factory in village Taunsa, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. It is stated that after the return of Jaswant Singh from foreign country, he along with the father-in-law, mother-in-law and unmarried sisters-in-law started quarreling with Sonia for bringing less dowry and they demanded motor cycle. Sonia committed suicide by hanging herself on 4.12.2014. The present petitioners were arrested on 5.12.2014.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned

counsel for the complainant and learned State counsel.

It is not denying fact that Jasvir Kaur and Daljit Kaur @ Baljit Kaur petitioner Nos.2 and 3 are the un-married sisters-in-law of the deceased. They are aged 26 and 25 years respectively. It appears from the FIR that after the marriage, there was no dispute. The dispute arose only after October 2013 when Jaswant Singh came back from Muscot. The allegations are that then the accused started saying that less dowry was given and motor cycle was demanded. The unmarried sisters-in-law are unlikely to raise such demand in the normal circumstances. There are no allegations that even during the absence of Jaswant Singh, they have been quarreling with the deceased.

In view of the matter, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition qua Jasvir Kaur (petitioner No.2) and Daljit Kaur @ Baljit Kaur (petitioner No.3) is allowed and they are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹.25,000/- each, with one surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate, Hoshiarpur.

However, Smt.Vidya (petitioner No.1), who is mother-in-law might have played active role in the family. Case is under investigation. Therefore, there is no ground to grant bail to Smt.Vidya at this stage. Accordingly, petition qua petitioner No.1 Smt.Vidya is dismissed.

27.01.2015*gk*

(Kuldip Singh)
Judge