

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-36369 of 2015

Date of decision : November 26, 2015

Ravail Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fateh Deep Singh

Present : Ms Ishma Randhawa, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. C.S.Brar, DAG, Punjab

Fateh Deep Singh, J. (Oral)

The allegations against petitioner Ravail Singh in this regular bail application in which he is in custody since 8.6.2012 are that Harjit Singh alias Sabha son of Mukhtiar Singh complainant who was working as a 'Siri' with principal accused Avtar Singh developed intimate relations with his daughter Gurpreet Kaur which was not to the liking of the accused family. On 13.6.2012, the deceased son had gone along with the tractor and appliances to the fields of the complainant and was last seen at 10.00 PM and subsequently on the next day i.e. on 14.6.2012 when the

complainant went to serve tea to his son in his tubewell room found the tractor and the implements and mobile of his son who was found missing and subsequently it was revealed that Gurpreet Kaur daughter of Avtar Singh also too was missing. Earlier during the intervening night of 13/14.6.2012, the complainant and his relative Daljit Singh had also seen Avtar Singh, Rabhbir Singh, Ravail Singh and Surjit Singh all accused going on tractor along with certain bags at the rear side of the vehicle towards waterside. At that point of time, the complainant suspected that the accused have done away with the couple leading to the registration of the present case.

The contentions of the counsel for the petitioner Ms. Ishma Randhawa, Advocate are that neither petitioner-Ravail Singh has been named in the FIR nor any role is attributed to him and is in custody since more than three years and five months and that the trial is still to be accomplished inspite of three years having elapsed.

The contentions are stoutly opposed by the State and it is contended that if allowed bail, the petitioner will influence the witnesses being influential persons and that it was a clear-cut case of honour killing of two young persons and that on the disclosure statement of principal accused Avtar Singh, articles pointing towards his guilt have been recovered.

Appreciating the submissions, the very medical opinion as to

the cause of deaths of Gurpreet Kaur and Harjit Singh on account of strangulation and asphyxia coupled with the disclosure statement of the principal accused Avtar Singh leading to the recovery of these two dead bodies at his instance and the confession regarding the involvement of the present petitioner in the commission of offence are matters which have over bearing effect on the mind of the court. The apprehension of the State that if allowed bail, petitioner's side will influence the witnesses are not unfounded. In view of the seriousness of the offence and heinousness of the allegations, no case for grant of bail is made out. The same stands dismissed.

November 26, 2015

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**(Fateh Deep Singh)
Judge**