

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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Criminal Misc. No.M-23990 of 2016

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Date of decision:25.7.2016

Sukhdev Singh alias Bhola

...Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Inderjit Singh

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Present: Mr. Vivek Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shivali, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab for the
respondent-State.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C.
for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.19 dated 19.3.2016 registered for
the offences under Sections 306, 420 and 149 IPC at Police Station
Ballianwali, District Bathinda.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Shivali, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab has
put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this
petition. Police record is also available.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as
learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab appearing for the respondent-
State and have gone through the record.

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From the record, I find that FIR has been got registered by Gurdeep Kaur, mother of the deceased. The main allegation, as per the prosecution, was that the complainant party approached Sukhdev Singh alias Bhola, Sukhpreet Kaur, Veepal Kaur, Saba and Jagroop Singh for the purpose of marriage of Gurmeet Singh. Accused demanded ₹80,000/- and complainant party paid ₹43,000/-. The marriage was solemnized with the girl, namely, Jyoti. The next morning, the girl was not found there and feeling defrauded, Gurmeet Singh committed suicide.

The present petitioner Sukhdev Singh alias Bhola is stated to be only mediator in the marriage. The challan has already been presented. The petitioner is no more required for custodial interrogation and investigation purposes. The trial of the case will take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Therefore, keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bond in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

July 25, 2016.

(Inderjit Singh)
Judge

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