

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

**CRM-M No. 33426 of 2016
Date of decision : 26.9.2016**

Raj Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

v.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present : Mr. A.K. Vermani, Advocate, for the petitioners

Ms. Anmol Grewal, DAG, Punjab

Ritu Bahri J. (Oral) :

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in Case FIR No.25 dated 12.4.2016 under Sections 304-B and 120B IPC and in the alternative under Section 302 IPC, registered at Police Station D-Division, District Amritsar City.

The petitioners are father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased daughter of the complainant, who died within two years of the marriage. The marriage of Munish-son of the petitioners was solemnized on 4.7.2014 with rites and rituals. The daughter of the complainant had died on account of 100% burns suffered by her. As per the allegations, husband, mother in law, father in law and sister in law of the deceased gave electric shocks to her.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Amar Nath, has informed the Court that as per investigation carried out, the whole house was burnt down where the deceased was alone at home and the petitioners have gone to a Satsang.

This fact is evident from the photographs and official record of the Investigating Officer.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and with their able assistance gone through the material available on record.

The cause of fire would be decided at the final stage of the trial. As per the custody certificate, filed today in Court and taken on record, the petitioners have already undergone five months and eight days in custody. After framing of charges, 22 prosecution witnesses have to be examined. The final conclusion of the trial will take a long time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners behind the bars.

In view of the above facts, the present petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar.

Needless to mention that nothing observed herein above, would reflect on merits in the trial of the main case, in any manner.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

26.9.2016
Ashwani

Speaking/Reasoned
Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No