

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

Criminal Misc. No. M- 13087 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision : September 05, 2017

Satnam Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Criminal Misc. No. M- 15684 of 2017 (O&M)

Bhajan Singh @ Harbajan Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Devinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anil Kumar Spehia, Advocate for the complainant.

LISA GILL, J.

This order shall dispose of two petitions i.e. Criminal Misc. Nos. M- 13087 and 15684 of 2017.

The petitioners in both the abovesaid petitions pray for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 21 dated 08.03.2017 under Section 304B, 34 IPC registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar.

It is contended that the petitioners have been implicated solely due to their relationship with the husband of the deceased. The petitioner – Satnam Singh is the unmarried brother-in-law (Devar) of the deceased and the petitioner – Bhajan Singh @ Harbajan Singh is the father-in-law of the deceased. General and vague allegations have been levelled against the present petitioners. All the family members including the married sisters-in-law of the deceased have been involved in this case. The co-accused Gurwinder Singh husband of the deceased is in custody. While the married

sisters-in-law of the deceased have been afforded the concession of anticipatory bail. The petitioners, it is submitted, have joined investigation pursuant to interim order dated 19.04.2017 (in CRM-M-13087 of 2017) and order dated 04.05.2017 (in CRM-M-15684 of 2017). It is, thus, prayed that these petitions be allowed.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Daler Singh, verifies that the petitioners have joined investigation, however, certain dowry articles, it is submitted, are yet to be recovered. It is affirmed that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been presented. Charge against the petitioners has been framed and they are not involved in any other criminal case.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioners are likely to abscond or that they are likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail. It has been held in **Prit Pal Singh versus State of Punjab and another 2014 (5) RCR (Criminal) 771** that the benefit of anticipatory bail should not be denied merely on the ground that certain recoveries are to be effected.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow these petitions. Consequently, order dated 19.04.2017 (in CRM-M-13087 of 2017) and order dated 04.05.2017 (in CRM-M-15684 of 2017) are made absolute.

September 05, 2017

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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No