

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

Crl. Misc. M-25388 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 29, 2017

Suba Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. C.M. Munjal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. R.K. Singla, Advocate
for the complainant.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.08 dated 08.03.2017, under Sections 406, 498-A, 306, 313, 323, 116, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Women Cell, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners herein were taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 20.04.2017. It is argued that the petitioners, who are father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased, have been falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that statements of the Investigating Officer as well as the complainant have been recorded and it is now fixed for her cross-examination. It is also

argued that an application has been preferred under Section 319 Cr.P.C. for summoning the married daughters of the petitioners, which is likely to delay the proceedings. It is also contended that son of the petitioners has already been granted regular bail by this court by an order dated 22.09.2017, therefore, the petitioners are entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioners are serious in nature, therefore, the petitioners are not entitled to grant of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts the petitioners herein have been in custody since 20.04.2017 and that son of the petitioners has already been granted regular bail, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioners behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioners are directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

November 29, 2017

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No