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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **BAIL APPLN. 1011/2018**

SURESH PRASAD

..... Petitioner

Represented by: Mr. Rajeev Wassan, Advocate.

versus

THE STATE OF (NCT OF DELHI)

..... Respondent

Represented by: Ms. Meenakshi Dahiya, APP
with Insp. Sahi Ram, PS
Ranhola.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MUKTA GUPTA

ORDER

26.07.2018

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1. By this petition, the petitioner seeks bail in case FIR No. 212/2018 under Sections 498A/304B/34 IPC registered at PS Ranhola.
2. Petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased, Kajal.
3. The above noted FIR was registered on the complaint of Smt. Manju Devi mother of Kajal who stated that Kajal aged 21 years was married to Jitender, who is the son of the petitioner, on 10th December, 2017. The said marriage was got performed through a mediator, Sunil, who was residing in Delhi. Before the marriage they knew that Jitender had earlier been married, had two children and his wife died at the time of second pregnancy. After marriage Kajal started living at Delhi. On Holi her daughter called her and stated that her husband, father-in-law and mother-in-law taunted her to be from a pauper's family. She also stated that her mother-in-law use to state

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that they did not want a daughter-in-law but a maid who could look after the children and that her daughter was not given food at the right time and in every work she did, some fault was picked up.

4. Complainant further stated that her daughter told her that her husband did not demand money at the time of marriage, however, he was demanding ₹1 lakh for constructing another house. She further stated that the mother-in-law of her daughter had not come to the village in the marriage and had not seen her daughter. When her daughter went to her in-law after marriage her mother-in-law stated that she did not like the daughter-in-law, however, on the intervention of the mediator and other people she made her daughter live in the matrimonial home.

5. It is alleged that in January, 2018 the mother-in-law and husband of Kajal assaulted her and threw her out of the house. On 11th March, 2018 she received a phone call from the Delhi Police Officer around 3:00 PM informing that her daughter had committed suicide by hanging. She alleged that the husband, Jitender and mother-in-law, Usha Devi were responsible for the death of her daughter and they had harassed her daughter for demand of dowry due to which she hanged herself.

6. From the allegations in the complaint, it is apparent that the petitioner who is the father-in-law of Kajal had only taunted her that she belongs to a family of paupers, rest of the allegations are all attributed to the husband and the mother-in-law. Considering the nature of allegations against the petitioner that there was no suspicion of the petitioner's hand in the daughter of the complainant committing suicide, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. It is therefore, directed that in the event of arrest, petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of ₹25,000/- with one surety of the like amount, subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/SHO concerned, further subject to the condition that in case of change of residential address the same be intimated to the Court concerned.

8. Petition is disposed of.

9. Order dasti.

MUKTA GUPTA, J.

JULY 26, 2018
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