

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-32836 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision : November 15, 2019

Ravi alias Ravinder

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fateh Deep Singh

Present : Mr. Shekhar Gehlot, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Amrik Narwal, DAG Haryana for the State

Fateh Deep Singh, J. (Oral)

The brief allegations against petitioner Ravi alias Ravinder in this regular bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. have come up by complainant Leela Ram. The complainant alleges that marriage of her grand-daughters Poonam and Raj Kumari was solemnized with two brothers present petitioner and his brother Manoj on 6.3.2018. It is alleged that the accused and his family were not happy with the dowry and were demanding cash as well as motorcycle from the deceased. It was as a consequence of this ill-

treatment on 19.1.2019 the deceased Poonam committed suicide by means of hanging as a consequence of which the present case was registered and the petitioner was arrested on 24.1.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the two sisters were married with two real brothers and one of them is living a happy life. It is sought to be demonstrated that on account of psychological inability to cope up with the marriage, the deceased had taken this step. There is nothing to suggest that it was a dowry death.

Learned State counsel has opposed the bail on the grounds that within less than one year a young bride has died an un-natural death on account of harassment and cruelty for inadequacy of dowry and therefore, dis-entitles the petitioner to any relief.

Appreciating the submissions in view of the allegations that have come about, the death being un-natural within less than one year of the marriage coupled with the allegations of harassment and cruelty due to insufficiency of dowry are strong circumstances pointing to the cause of this death. The apprehension of the State that if allowed bail, the petitioner might stifle the trial is not unfounded. Finding no merit, the present petition stands dismissed.

The observations made herein above shall have no bearing on the merits of the case as these are purely for the disposal of the present bail application.

November 15, 2019

(Fateh Deep Singh)
Judge

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Whether speaking/reasoned ?

Yes/No

Whether Reportable ?

Yes/No