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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 18755 of 2020
Date of decision: 11.08.2020

Ajay Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

V/s.

Union Territory of Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Parvinder Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashu Mohan Punchhi, Public Prosecutor, UT, Chandigarh.

Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioners are the father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased, Inder Kala. They, along with their son, the husband of the deceased, were arrayed as the accused in FIR No. 0472 dated 30.12.2019 on the file of Police Station Sector 39, Chandigarh, registered under Sections 304-B and 34 IPC. By way of this petition, they seek grant of regular bail.

The petitioners have been in custody since 31.12.2019. The Challan has already been presented before the jurisdictional Court. The daughter-in-law died within seven years of the marriage and the State's case is that the circumstances warrant application of Section 304-B IPC. The complicity of the petitioners, if any, in the offence which led to the death of

the daughter-in-law, would have to be examined by the trial Court but at this stage, there is no possibility of the case being taken to its logical conclusion any time soon, owing to the prevailing situation caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Keeping in mind the aforestated fact and also their age, the petitioners would be entitled to relief.

The petition is accordingly allowed directing the release of the petitioners on regular bail in FIR No. 0472 dated 30.12.2019 on the file of Police Station Sector 39, Chandigarh, upon their furnishing personal bonds for a sum of Rs. 50,000/- each along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Illaqa/Duty Magistrate concerned. Further, the petitioners shall not offer any inducement, threat or promise to any person connected with the case.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

11.08.2020

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whether speaking/non speaking : Yes/no

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