

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

CRM-M-27849-2021

Date of Decision: 19.07.2021

PREM DEVI

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr. P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.178 dated 10.06.2021 under Section 304-B, 34 and 498-A of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Bhawani Khera.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vague allegations have been levelled against the petitioner of subjecting her daughter-in-law i.e. deceased to continuous torture as a result of which she committed suicide. It has been submitted that the petitioner, who is a 60 year old woman, was residing separately from her son and his wife i.e. deceased and hence, there was no occasion for her to subject the latter to the continuous torture and harassment as alleged. Still further, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no complaint was ever made against the petitioner either by the deceased herself or by the complainant-father *qua* the alleged harassment which clearly

proved that she had been falsely implicated only because she happened to be the mother-in-law of the deceased.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the material on record with his able assistance.

A perusal of the FIR in question as well as the suicide note and the video prepared by the deceased, soon before she ended her life, reveals the commission of a cognizable offence.

It is not hard discern from the tone and tenor of the suicide note left behind by the deceased, that she was exasperated with the torture and harassment meted out to her as a result of which not only did she end her life but before doing so, she even killed her minor daughter. It would be most pertinent to reproduce the translation of the suicide note, which is as under:-

“Sorry everyone, but sub kuch end ho gaya.

*Sd/- Rabina
(in English)*

My own people are responsible for my death. After having connived with each other, these people harassed me to such an extent that I am compelled to commit suicide. God should not give such family to anybody. My mother-in-law, my ‘Jeth’ (elder brother of husband), ‘Jethani’ (Wife of elder brother of husband) and my husband are responsible for my death.

Mother, you do not like to talk to me. Ok, then I am going to silence myself forever. But if possible, tell my parents as to what was my fault because of which you used to remain upset with me.

Now, I cannot bear it anymore. I alongwith my daughter is going far away from you people. If possible, please put your affectionate hand on the head of your daughter after death, so

that I can get peace after death. This would be the biggest gift of my life from you.

Sorry, Maa Papa, your daughter has lost and I am constrained to commit suicide even though I do not want to do this. Thanks for this life but you selected a wrong family for me and I am going to pay its price by committing suicide.”

Prima facie the allegations levelled against the petitioner are specific and heinous. In the circumstances, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. Resultantly, the instant petition stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

July 19, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>